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From the President

A time to look back, a time to look ahead

April 16, 2011 will be a date that will be forever remembered at our University. It was on that day that Milt Glick, the 15th president of the University of Nevada, Reno, unexpectedly passed away at age 73.

Milt was more than an exceptional leader. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather; he was a good friend to all our students; he was a wonderfully collaborative and intellectually inquisitive colleague; and he was, without question, the right president for the right time for our University. When I arrived on this campus as executive vice president and provost in 2008, I had the distinct pleasure of working closely with Milt on a daily basis. I never grew tired of

being around Milt Glick. No one did. Milt met new ideas and new people the same way: with a genuine, warm, interested smile. With his passing, our entire University was saddened.

With this as background, I must say that I felt extremely humbled and honored when the Nevada System of Higher Education announced my appointment as interim president. I have a deep fondness for our University for a number of reasons, most importantly being the special nature of our people.

In the foreword of his excellent chronicle of campus life at our University, *The Constant Conversation*, President Emeritus Joe Crowley quotes another university president of some repute, Yale's Bart Giamatti. Giamatti, ever the poet, encapsulates beautifully what a great campus can become when its people have the unity of purpose and aspiration for excellence that we find on a daily basis at the University of Nevada, Reno:

Perhaps it is the sound of all those voices ... giving and taking ... that is finally the music of civilization, the sound of human beings shaping and sharing, mooring ideas to reality, making the world, for all its pain, work.

There is no question our University has been tested in recent months. With Milt's passing and another cycle of budget reductions just completed, our University, in fact, has been tested like never before. Yet never has the collaborative give-and-take of "shaping and sharing" at our University been stronger. With difficult, even sad times, our University has still managed to achieve in historic ways.

Our May Commencement, where we presented more than 2,000 degrees and certificates, was the largest ever in our 137-year history. These numbers reflect a healthy 52 percent graduation rate, in line with the nation's 56 percent average. Our enrollment, which reached record levels last fall at 17,679 students, promises to be as robust this fall. We continue to attract the state's best and brightest young minds. Recent University-sponsored "signing day" ceremonies at northern and southern Nevada high schools have highlighted the fact that our pool of National Merit Scholars on campus continues to grow handsomely. Our campus will very likely welcome more than 40 National Merit Scholars when classes begin in late August—yet another record for our institution. In addition to our continuing growth, our current students are succeeding and persevering in their education. Our record-breaking 80 percent freshman-to-sophomore retention rate stands 5 percent above the national average. With such success in attracting and retaining students, we can take pride in the fact that our pipeline is full.

There is no question that we live in a time of challenge at our University. Yet I firmly believe that if the past few weeks and months are any indication, it is a challenge that we are prepared to meet. The people of our University are marvelously adaptable, and are fiercely proud of the important role they play in helping our state realize its future. It is the greatest honor imaginable to help lead the many voices on our campus in making our world, in its continuing pursuit of excellence, work.

Sincerely,

Marc Johnson

President

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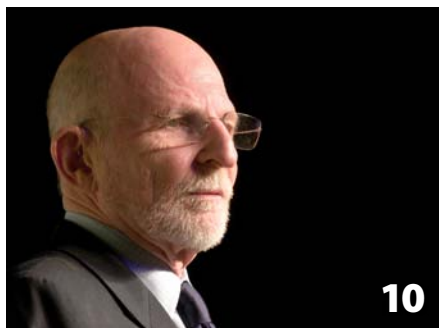
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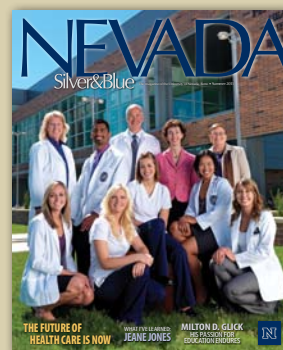
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Jeff Ross took this photo of medical and nursing students and faculty in front of the new William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building. Designed to bring nursing and medical students together, the 59,000-square-foot building allows a new age of health care education to begin. Pictured, front row: Class of 2011 nursing students Lauren Estep, Amanda Hawkins and Elizabeth Shanklin; second-year medical student Natsuko Takakuwa; and Class of 2011 nursing student Sarah Robertson. Back row: Assistant professor of nursing Michele Pelter '93; second-year medical student Steeven John; professor of physiology and cell biology Carl Sievert; interim dean of the School of Medicine, Cheryl Hug-English; and director of the Orvis School of Nursing, Patsy Ruchala.



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The future of health care is now

Medical and nursing students to learn and train together in the new William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building

By Anne McMillin, APR. Photos by Jeff Ross





The University's Division of Health Sciences has taken a bold step toward the future of team-delivered health care by initiating interdisciplinary medical and nursing education, a concept whose time has come, but is rarely carried out in practice. The fruition of the goal to educate nurses and doctors together was realized in June with the opening of the William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building on the north end of campus.

Designed to bring nursing and medical students together, the 59,000-square-foot Pennington Health Sciences Building allows a new age of health care education to begin.

Studies have shown that delivering health care through teams focused on the individual patient improves the quality of care while reducing overall costs. To that end, the Orvis School of Nursing and the University of Nevada School of Medicine are seeking to create shared educational opportunities in the new facility.

"The proximity of medical and nursing faculty and students will enhance our inter-professional communication as these students prepare to work together in clinical practice," says Patsy Ruchala, director of the Orvis School of Nursing. "We will better appreciate each other's respective disciplines as we interact more."

Looking at the larger picture, Ruchala also believes the new building demonstrates the University's commitment to fully developing the Division of Health Sciences by bringing together its multiple disciplines under one umbrella.

"The interprofessional interactions and projects within the Pennington Health Sciences Building will be the start of developing stronger coalitions within the division," she says.

By teaching nursing and medical students in areas that overlap, students will learn basic skills together, which both need to practice for their respective disciplines.

Dr. Cheryl Hug-English, interim dean of the School of Medicine, agrees: "This building is a wonderful, collaborative educational opportunity for health sciences, not only for nursing and medicine, but eventually for the allied health care fields."

"We now have a high-tech health care training center to prepare students for the high-tech work setting of today's health care professions."

Patsy Ruchala,
Director of the Orvis School of Nursing

She adds that since more and more health care is being delivered by teams, this facility will enhance teaching the teamwork ethic to both nurses and physicians early in their careers.

"This building is a huge leap forward and reflects how we in health care education are looking for ways to replicate team-based models so that our students can interact on a

Front row: Interim dean of the Nevada School of Medicine, Cheryl Hug-English; second-year medical student Katie Lyons; director of the Orvis School of Nursing, Patsy Ruchala; second-year medical student Steeven John. Middle row: Second-year medical student Natsuko Takakuwa; master's nursing candidate Elizabeth King '10; Class of 2011 nursing students Lauren Estep, Amanda Hawkins and Sarah Robertson. Back Row: Assistant professor of nursing Michele Pelter '93; professor of physiology and cell biology Carl Sievert; Class of 2011 nursing student Elizabeth Shanklin; master's nursing candidate Sari Jokela-Willis '08; and Class of 2011 nursing student Zavar Escobar in the Nell J. Redfield Health Sciences Foyer.



Medical and nursing students study and relax together in the Jean & Herb Tobman Student Lounge overlooking William Peccole Park and a panoramic view of the city of Reno.

daily basis.”

Situated on the hill west of Peccole Field, the new building will allow for the expansion of the School of Medicine class from 62 to 100 students, for a total eventual enrollment of 400. Orvis School of Nursing will also be able to double its class size for an eventual enrollment of 200 students.

Nursing faculty offices, large and small group study rooms, lecture halls, a modern anatomy lab, standardized patient rooms, simulation labs for teaching and learning clinical skills, multidisciplinary labs where microbiology and pathology will be taught, and conference rooms are arranged on the building’s three levels for maximum interaction between medical and nursing students.

The advanced digital and medical technology in the laboratories will allow student education and training opportunities to jump

exponentially, according to Gwen Shonkwiler, interim dean of medical education at the School of Medicine.

“Using the new software, we are able to integrate and compress the audio, visual and data training components into one file to offer playback in a secured environment for an enhanced learning experience,” she says. Podcasts of lectures will now be possible in the new facility.

The three simulated-patient rooms will add to the University’s inventory of human patient simulators—mannequin-like, incredibly sophisticated, computerized machines that can accurately mimic human physiological responses to medical and pharmacological interventions. A new male, female and child human patient simulator will be wired for sound and video and can provide playback for every patient encounter training session.

Elizabeth King ’10 (nursing), a master’s candidate in the Orvis School of Nursing, toured the simulation lab and saw a demonstration in June and says, “The sim lab is amazing! I actually wish I could have gone to undergraduate nursing school now instead of back when I did. It’s very interactive. Almost like a real-life situation. I think it will prepare nurses and doctors to work together collaboratively—something that we need very much.”

Adds Shonkwiler: “We also have ‘task trainers’—partial mannequins designed for a specific type of examination—that can simulate heart and respiratory sounds, for example, or the human airway for intubation training, or the female pelvis for obstetric and gynecological procedures.”

Better camera placement, more computer ports and operating room-caliber lighting are a few of the design features in the building that



School of Medicine professor of physiology and cell biology Carl Sievert speaks to medical students in the new anatomy lab.

New anatomy lab takes Nevada medical education to the next level

Physiology and cell biology professor Carl Sievert is excited.

As the anatomy course director at the School of Medicine, Sievert is anxious to begin teaching medical students in the new, larger anatomy laboratory in the William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building.

"I love what I'm doing here at the School of Medicine with its focus on the development and progression of medical students," he says.

Students learn anatomy by studying and dissecting human cadavers obtained through the anatomical donation program. Cadavers are presented on tables, or stations, with several students gathered around each table observing procedures demonstrated on computer screens before doing the procedure themselves.

The new lab will bring the number of stations to 28 from just 15 previously, and each station can handle four or five students. "The extra capacity allows the medical school to gradually build up to the new class size," Sievert notes. "Each station has a directional speaker system so students can stand at their own table watching a monitor with the sound directly overhead, flowing over the table without noise migrating to other tables."

In addition to standard room lighting, each dissecting table has its own high-intensity LED directional lighting system for greater visibility during dissection.

Large computer screens allow for better imaging at each station. Additional computer monitors, some up to 52 inches, and a high-resolution camera system mounted over a central demonstration table at each station will record and project dissection techniques and surgical procedures.

Another new technology in the anatomy lab is the virtual human dissector

computer program, which offers rotational 3-D imaging of the human body in layers at each station.

The cadaver-handling system in the Pennington Health Sciences Building is also improved and allows for on-site embalming by a mortician with skill in anatomical dissection embalming techniques for long-term preservation of cadavers. This capability allows the School of Medicine to provide opportunities for community physicians and medical supply company representatives to train in new surgical procedures, a popular trend at medical schools across the country, according to Sievert.

The new anatomy lab is so state-of-the-art that second-year medical students who have toured the lab have joked about repeating the first-year anatomy course to take advantage of the improved facilities, Sievert says.

"We have a supplemental instruction program in which second-year students help first-year students with exam preparation. This building has spiked interest in that program because second-year students, who have already completed the anatomy course in their first year, want to come back and learn at this new facility."

Second-year students will also benefit from the new facility by refreshing their anatomy knowledge before heading to their third-year clerkships. And fourth-year students with an interest in surgery subspecialties can use the new anatomy lab to improve their skills before graduating and heading off to their residencies.

Space has also been set aside in the lab for a museum room where donated anatomical material will be on permanent display.

—Anne McMillin, APR



Orvis School of Nursing assistant professor Michele Pelter '93 (nursing) teaches nursing students in the new skills lab, which is designed to mirror a patient care unit and features birthing beds, infant warmers and an assortment of hospital and clinical beds outfitted with cameras to optimize skills technique refinement.

represent improvements over existing facilities.

Ruchala agrees that the new technology will greatly enhance the learning opportunities for students: "We now have a high-tech health care training center to prepare students for the high-tech work setting of today's health care professions."

She notes that the human patient simulators that nursing students have been using at Orvis' Redfield campus for the past five or six years are quite good, but those in new building are the latest models.

Students will also take advantage of "standardized patient education"—actors portraying patients with a variety of symptoms or distressed family members—in the new facility in "patient encounter" rooms, which will enhance their interactions with real patients during clinical rotations.

Camron Wipfli '10 (biology), a second-year

medical student who toured the building, says: "The patient encounter rooms are absolutely incredible. It's like you're walking into an actual doctor's office. These are true testing facilities."

Wipfli notes that the instrumentation in the

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Camron Wipfli '10
second-year medical student

new rooms is far better than what the school had last year. "The ophthalmoscopes [instruments for viewing the interior of eye] and otoscopes [instruments for viewing inside the ear] are the highest technology there is. Prior, we were just using old-school devices, and we had a very difficult time focusing. The reality is that medicine is constantly modernizing, so training facilities have to keep up. All in all, the new building is making for a much better educational experience for us students and we are really excited about it."

Says Shonkwiler: "The Pennington Health Sciences Building provides opportunities to create realistic education activities as we work toward building team structures in the health care environment."

Instead of only one discipline working with patient simulators, teams of nursing and medical students will learn, for example, the



The new William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building is the latest addition to Division of Health Sciences facilities and will be the headquarters for the Orvis School of Nursing.

complicated teamwork necessary to save the life of a person experiencing cardiac arrest, known as “Code Blue” or “crashing.”

This classic situation—when the heart essentially stops beating—is a medical emergency, but isn’t necessarily fatal if the patient is resuscitated immediately. Resuscitation requires a complex choreography of difficult procedures, which can include administering drugs, inserting a breathing tube and intravenous catheters, applying a defibrillator, as well as other measures. Each person on the “crash team” must work quickly and with precision, like a band playing music. In real-life, cardiac arrest is random, and therefore students may or may not have the opportunity to learn how to be part of a crash team. But with human patient simulators and actors, nursing and medical students can practice playing their parts well in advance of a real emergency.

“We are creating relationships between future practitioners in the two fields, while these future health care professionals are still students,” Shonkwiler says. “The goal is to increase communication between medical professionals and provide better patient outcomes.”

Nursing and medical students will all begin classes in the new facility in the fall semester.

The Pennington Health Sciences Building, which adheres to LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) equivalent standards, makes optimal use of its site with an offset floor plan of two wings, creating exterior courtyards and a free flow between interior and exterior spaces. The main entrance is on the north side, facing McCarran Boulevard, with direct access to parking and companion buildings. The building design used the site slope for a discreet lower-level receiving area.

Funding for the Pennington Health Sciences Building included \$3 million for planning allocated by the 2007 Nevada State Legislature, \$31 million in construction bonding approved by the 2009 Nevada legislature’s capital improvement project budget, as well as a naming gift from the William N. Pennington Foundation. Other major benefactors include the Nell J. Redfield Foundation, Thelma B. and Thomas P. Hart Foundation, and Renown Health. **N**

—Anne McMillin, APR, public relations manager for the University of Nevada School of Medicine
—Melanie Robbins ’06M.A. contributed to this article



Photos by Theresa Danna-Douglas

William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building grand opening

The University community celebrated the William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building grand opening on June 16. More than 100 guests attended to celebrate the new facility and its pivotal role in introducing interdisciplinary health care to the University by providing a cutting-edge learning environment for medical and nursing students, who will study and train together in one of the most technologically advanced educational buildings ever constructed in Nevada. The Pennington Health Sciences Building was made possible through generous support from the state of Nevada, as well as lead contributions from the William N. Pennington Foundation, Nell J. Redfield Foundation, Thelma B. and Thomas P. Hart Foundation, and Renown Health. The Pennington Health Sciences Building will not only allow for both disciplines to work as a team but, over time, will allow the Orvis School of Nursing and the School of Medicine to increase their class sizes, thereby addressing the shortage of nurses and doctors in the state of Nevada.

(1) William N. Pennington Foundation trustees Don Carano, Rick Banis '67, John Mackall and Fred Scarpello with University president, Marc Johnson.

(2) Dr. Kirk Bronander, associate professor of internal medicine, shows John Mackall; Jim Miller, president and CEO of Renown Health; and Rick Banis '67 one of the simulation mannequins in the new William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building.





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(3) Marilyn Moran; John Carothers, vice president of Development and Alumni Relations; Jean Tobman; Janie Moore; Dr. Addie Moran '00M.D.; and John Moran.

(4) Medical student Patty Kennel '10 shows some of the high-tech equipment in the new anatomy lab to attendees at the opening.

(5) C. Craig Karrasch, D.P.M., trustee of the Thelma B. and Thomas P. Hart Foundation, with son C.J. Karrasch.

(6) Peggy Glick and Karen Penner Johnson, learn about simulation mannequins from assistant professor of nursing Kim Baxter.

(7) Orvis School of Nursing faculty members Melinda Hoskins, director of the Orvis Nursing Clinic; Denise Loranger, research; Deborah Shindell, research; Michele Pelter '93 assistant professor; Lisa Black '93, '03MSN assistant professor; Laura Padilla '09MSN assistant professor; Patsy Ruchala, director of the Orvis School of Nursing; and Stephanie Deboor '93, '97MSN assistant professor.

(8) Dr. Jeane Jones '98HDL and Jerry Smith, Esq., of the Nell J. Redfield Foundation.

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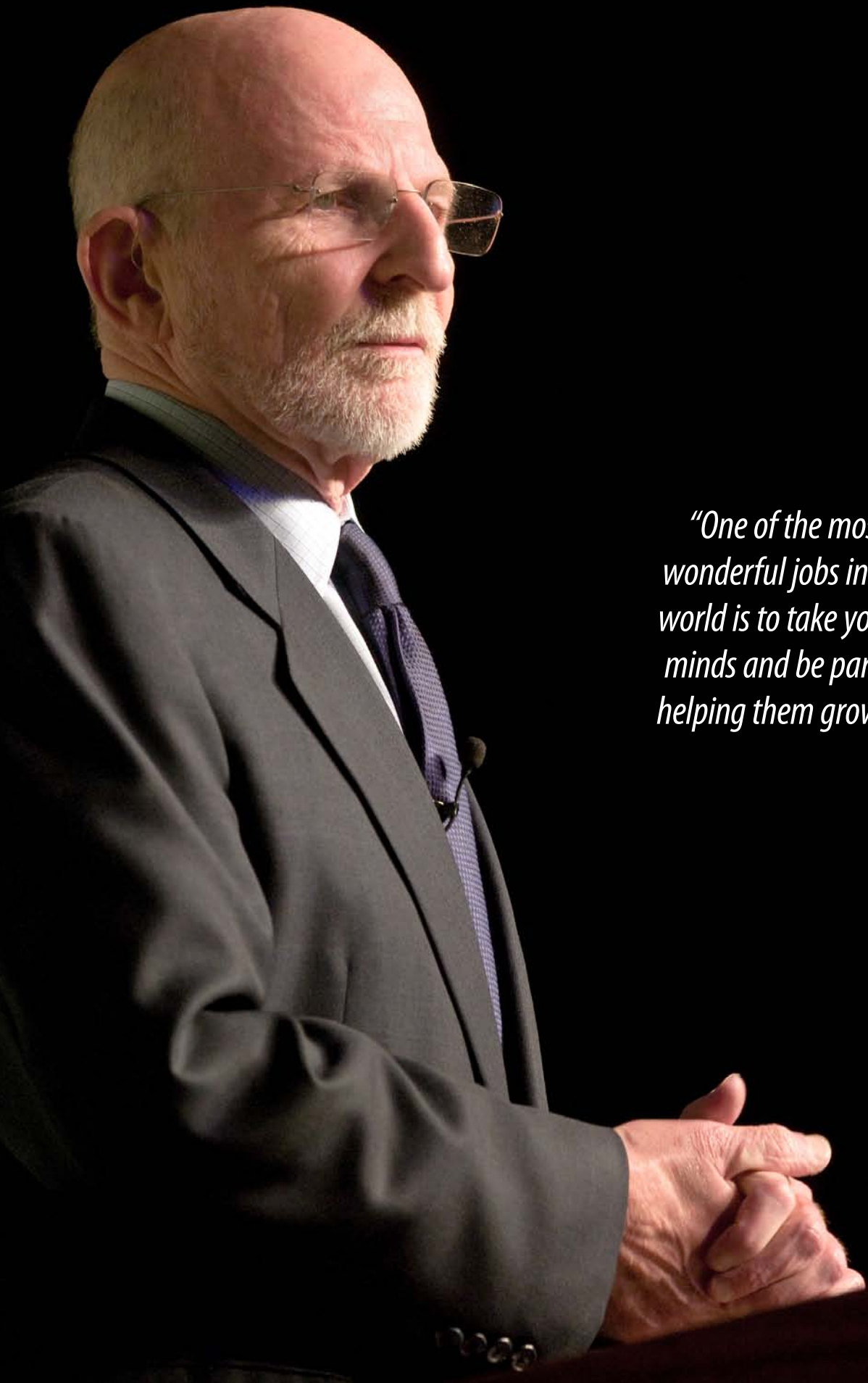
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Milton D. Glick, 1937 – 2011:



His passion for education endures

Milton D. Glick loved higher education. “I went to college at 18 and never left,” he joked to a television interviewer just nine months after he began his first term as the 15th president of the University of Nevada, Reno in August 2006.

In his distinctive, slightly raspy voice, Milt—the name by which most of us at Nevada knew the amiable, down-to-earth man who wore a trademark Panama hat—told Bob Fisher on *KRXI FOX11* that he’d planned to go into his father’s jewelry business, but his father told him that he could do better, and thus his journey deep into the world of higher education began.

Growing up in Rock Island, Ill., along the Illinois-Iowa border, he graduated with a bachelor’s degree in chemistry from Augustana College in Rock Island in 1959, then earned his doctorate in chemistry from the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wis., in 1965. Following two years of post-doctoral studies at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., Milt joined the chemistry faculty at Wayne State University in Detroit. He remained at Wayne State for 17 years, serving as a leader in the Faculty Senate, and as chair of the Department of Chemistry.

Milt’s first senior administrative position was dean of the College of Arts and Science at the University of Missouri in Columbia, Mo., from 1983-88. He then spent three years, 1988-91, as provost at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, serving as interim president of Iowa State for the final eight months. Before coming to Nevada, Milt served 15 years as executive vice president and provost at Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz.

It didn’t take much for Fisher to draw Milt out on his love of his new job and his devotion to students and faculty. Milt said: “One of the most wonderful jobs in the world is to take

young minds and be part of helping them grow ... to be able to teach things that you think are important. I always tell people that being a dean or a provost is the true liberal arts education because you are surrounded by really smart people who are really committed to helping improve the world. There are a lot of people at the University who are a lot smarter than I am.”

Modest as always, Milt didn’t fool anyone. *Reno Gazette-Journal* executive editor Beryl Love wrote that when Milt walked in, “his intellect could suck the oxygen out of the room.”

Indeed, in the initial phase of his academic career, Milt was a noted researcher in the field of X-ray crystallography. His work was funded for 15 consecutive years by the National Science Foundation, and he published 99 research articles during this time.

Despite Milt’s superior academic credentials and imposing intellect, Love noted: “He was able to relate to those of us with lesser IQs. He was a master with words, a skill that came not from oratorical gimmicks, but from the fact he spoke from the heart.”

No matter the situation, no matter the people in the room, he was always at home, and he helped others feel at ease.

Eli Reilly, ASUN president from 2008-10, summed up Milt’s impact on the students well during an interview in 2010: “I don’t know how to compliment Milt Glick more than to say that he’s always, truly been the friend of every student we’ve ever had on campus. He understands better than anyone I’ve ever met, that this University is the connective tissue to a better life.”

Students loved him, not just for his words, but for his listening. Ditto faculty and staff.

His calm, understated words and actions were always as cool and composed, fluid and graceful, as two waterfowl landing on a lake.

He could quote the noted futurist Richard Florida and the “Rise of the Creative Class” as readily as he could quote the actor Richard Benjamin from the film, “Goodbye, Columbus.” He could mix words and ideas in ways that remained memorable long after he spoke.

When asked once why he thought it was a good idea to recruit National Merit Scholars to campus and why special attention should be paid to such “smart” kids, Milt smiled and said, “We pay a lot of special attention to 6-foot-9 kids with soft hands and soft touch ... why shouldn’t we pay equally special attention to talented kids whose hands were made by Stradivarius?”

James Dean Leavitt, former Board of Regents chair, said of Milt: “He had a beautiful mind and a gigantic heart. No one loved life or UNR more than Milt.”

Nevada athletic director Cary Groth always remembered the first President’s Council she ever attended in Phillips Conference Room on the second floor of Clark Administration, with President Milt Glick in charge.

The first thing the chief executive officer of the state of Nevada’s oldest and most prestigious institution of higher learning did was ... not sit at the head of the table.

“Milt always chose to sit in the middle of the table,” Groth said. “That, I think, is a message in and of itself.”

The Glick presidency was never an arm’s-length type of presidency. During his Commencement addresses, the theme might change, but he was adamant about one thing: acknowledgement of teachers and families had

President Glick addressing the audience at the 28th Annual University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Banquet Sept. 24, 2009 inside the Rose Ballroom at John Ascuaga’s Nugget in Sparks. Photo by David Calvert.



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Students, faculty and friends celebrate Milt Glick at a candlelight vigil at Lawlor Events Center April 21. A portrait of Milt taken for an editorial in Nevada Silver & Blue, spring 2011. With friends and donors Jan and Bob Davidson after they received honorary doctorates in May 2010. Standing beside the University's growing population of National Merit Scholars during the fall 2010 semester. With City of Reno Mayor Bob Cashell at the famous Reno Arch, turned blue in support of the 2010 Wolf Pack football team. With the Nevada Dance Team at the 2009 Homecoming President's Tailgate party.

to be made. "You've got to thank the teachers and you've got to hug the families," he said once. "Without either one, what else is there in the world?"

During his five-year tenure as president, Milt led the campus to historic institutional and reputational milestones in areas ranging from student success to campus expansion to research capacity. Under his direction, the University increased its number of National Merit Scholars from a handful to 38 during the 2010-11 academic year—a record for the state

of Nevada. For these efforts, the University was named a prestigious National Merit Scholarship Sponsor School.

In 2010-11, the University set all-time records for enrollment and graduation. In addition, freshman retention rates reached 80 percent, also an institutional record. In fall 2010, for the first time in the University's history, the institution was named a Tier I school in *U.S. News & World Report's* annual rankings.

Milt stressed the value of creating a "sticky

campus"—a dynamic campus setting where both the student body and the community are engaged and excited—and with the opening of key buildings such as the Joe Crowley Student Union, Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, the Center for Molecular Medicine and the Davidson Mathematics and Science Building, he was able to markedly strengthen the connection between the campus and the community it serves.

Said Nevada System of Higher Education Chancellor Dan Klaich: "Milt was an



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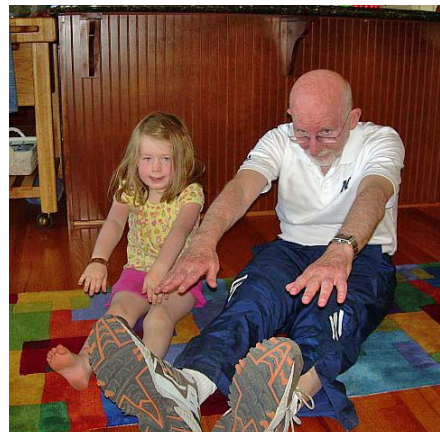


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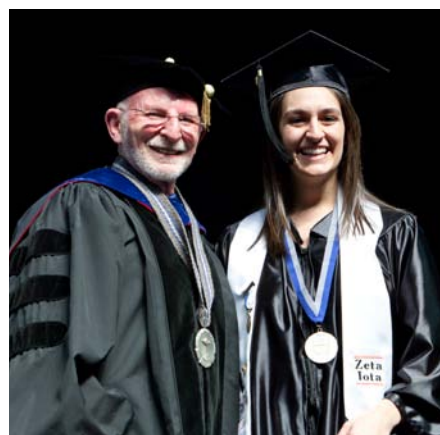


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Milt with members of the Greek society, fall 2008. With then Senator Obama during a rally on the Quad, September 2008. Visiting the Fire Science Academy in Carlin, Nev., fall 2006. With wife, Peggy, in front of Clark Administration, Summer 2008. At home playing with granddaughter Nina. Milt's playful response to having a third flat tire during Nevada's annual Rural Tour, fall 2007. With grandsons Toby and Elijah. At the Winter 2010 Commencement with Herz Gold Medalist Sophia Raphael Cardinal.

outstanding leader and has left an indelible mark on the University of Nevada, Reno and the state. Milt had a wonderful sense of humor and an engaging, enthusiastic style. He poured his energy and his love of life and education into the University and our state, and that commitment should long be a source of pride and gratitude for all Nevadans."

Added U.S. Sen. Harry Reid: "(Dr. Glick) was a breath of fresh air on campus with his trademark hat and great sense of humor. He was loved by faculty and students alike. Milt

fostered a culture of excellence at the University by increasing graduation rates, growing the school's capacity as a research university and building a more diverse student body by opening the doors to a college education for more Nevada students. Dr. Glick was a renowned scientist, teacher and leader, and Nevada will miss him dearly."

Milt passed away in Reno on April 16, 2011. He was 73. He leaves his beloved wife, Peggy; sons David (Jennifer) and Sandy (Laura); and grandchildren, Toby, Elijah and Nina. Of all

the accomplishments in his life, Milt was most proud of his family. [N](#)

—By John Trent '85/'87, '00M.A.
and Melanie Robbins '06M.A.

Dr. Glick's family requests that donations be made to the Dr. Milton D. Glick Memorial, University of Nevada, Reno Foundation, Mail Stop 0162, Reno, NV 89557. Condolences to the family may be mailed to this address, or to post remembrances and condolences, visit: www.unr.edu/in-memoriam/

Great faculty: Inspiring students, increasing knowledge, helping others

Photos by Theresa Danna-Douglas

This University is known internationally for its outstanding faculty, who excel at not only teaching, but research, innovation, vision and dedication to helping the state of Nevada, the nation and beyond become something better than what they are today. By inspiring students to learn, conducting research to gain new knowledge and applying that knowledge to solve problems at home and abroad, the University of Nevada, Reno is, at its core, an engine that propels young and old toward a brighter and more prosperous future.

To honor and acknowledge top faculty who have raised the bar in their fields, the Board of Regents, the University, and local and national organizations bestow awards and acknowledgements. This year's slate of award winners are richly deserving of their honors.

Scott Mensing

Nevada Professor of the Year, Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching/Council for Advancement and Support of Education

Geography professor Scott Mensing is one of only 46 professors in the nation to receive

the State Professor of the Year honor for 2010, and he is the eighth professor from the University of Nevada to receive the honor in the past 10 years.

The Professor of the Year winners are chosen for their extraordinary dedication to undergraduate teaching. Mensing is also the recipient of this year's Mackay Faculty Achievement Award.

Mensing, a biogeographer and paleoecologist, has been teaching since 1987. He joined the College of Science faculty in 1993.

"I have two basic premises: motivate and engage the students; and don't assume that people understand what you're saying," he says. "In a lecture class there must be activities to keep students focused, and I try to use the class time to get them thinking by developing an exercise where they can demonstrate understanding of a principle and then apply it."

Mensing's research focuses on the progression of ecological change over time.

Over the years, Mensing has been honored with other distinguished teaching awards, including the 2007 Regents' Teaching Award,

the 2006 F. Donald Tibbitts Distinguished Teacher Award and the 2005 LeMay Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Eric Rasmussen

Regents' Teaching Award

English professor Eric Rasmussen, internationally recognized Shakespeare scholar, has a knack for passing along his passion for the Bard to his students. Rasmussen, who just last year received the University's highest award for teaching excellence, the F. Donald Tibbitts Distinguished Teacher Award, has received the top teaching award for the entire Nevada System of Higher Education, the Regents' Teaching Award.

Students have called his teaching "cutting-edge," "brilliant" and "flawless." Rasmussen attributes his success to "being able to take 400-year-old texts and make them relevant for 20-year-olds today."

Rasmussen was one of two scholars chosen by the Royal Shakespeare Company to edit the complete works of Shakespeare. He makes sure, however, to involve his students in his



Scott Mensing



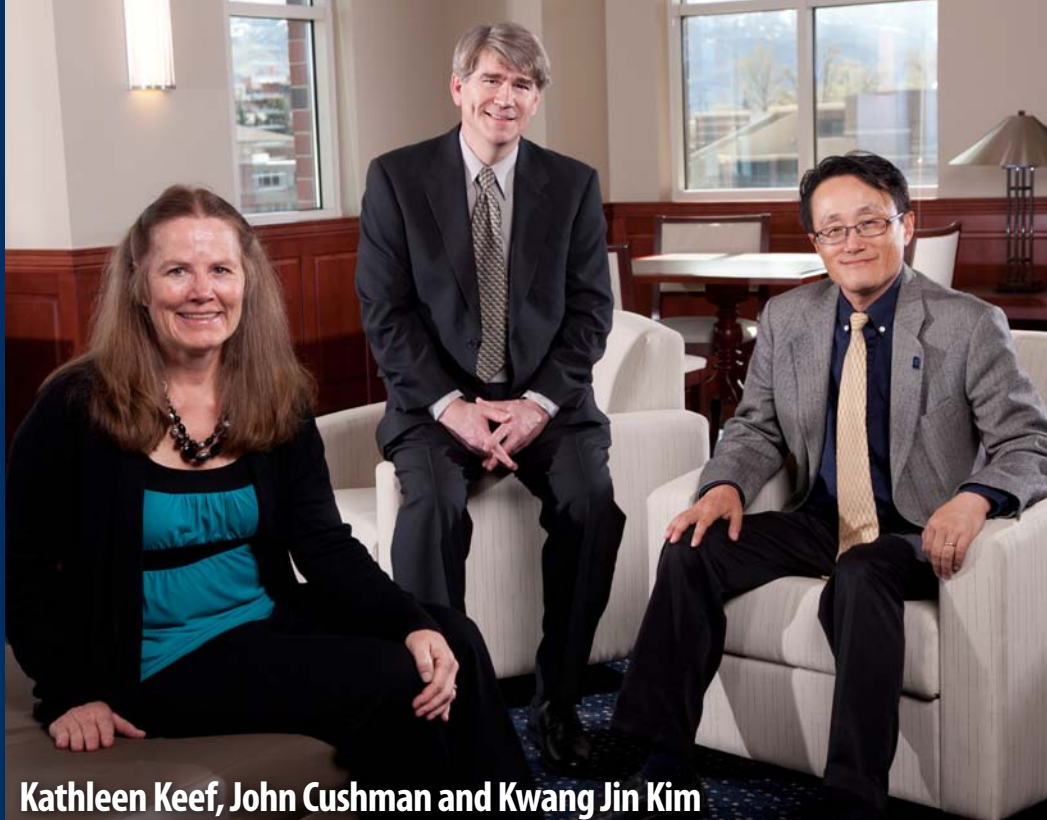
Eric Rasmussen

Foundation Professors

John Cushman is a nationally recognized research professor in the field of molecular biology of plants in response to abiotic stress who joined the University in 2000. He has built the plant molecular sciences at the University, using his considerable influence in the field to attract additional outstanding researchers here. In addition to his research, Cushman serves as director of the Graduate Program in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and played a key role in the first INBRE, a \$17.3 million program.

Kathleen Keef is a professor in physiology and cell biology, with expertise in renal physiology, fluid and electrolyte balance, and acid-base balance. Since joining the University in 1987, she has published more than 60 scholarly manuscripts in top, peer-reviewed journals. Keef's work on extramural research grants has brought countless dollars to the University. She was awarded the School of Medicine's Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award in 1997. In 2002, she received the University's Outstanding Researcher of the Year Award.

Kwang Jin Kim is an internationally known leader in the research fields of active materials and energy systems who joined the University in 2001. For the past four years, he has served as chair of the Department of Mechanical Engineering. His pioneering scholarly research work has been well-documented in a large number of archived journals, papers and invited lectures. He was elected a fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in 2007. Kim is an excellent instructor, developing a teaching method that emphasizes direct interaction with students.



Kathleen Keef, John Cushman and Kwang Jin Kim

Leonard Weinberg

Distinguished Faculty

Leonard Weinberg joined the Department of Political Science in 1967. He is an internationally respected figure for his scholarship regarding the causes of political violence and terrorism. His theories about the causes and correlates of violence are considered groundbreaking. He has been asked by governments throughout Europe to address the growth of radical, violent elements in Europe and the Middle East. He has been awarded Fulbright and Guggenheim grants, as well as numerous recognitions from European governments and UNESCO. Weinberg has published 14 books and close to 60 articles and chapters. Weinberg was awarded the University's Thornton Peace Prize in 1999, and was named a Foundation Professor of Political Science in 1996.

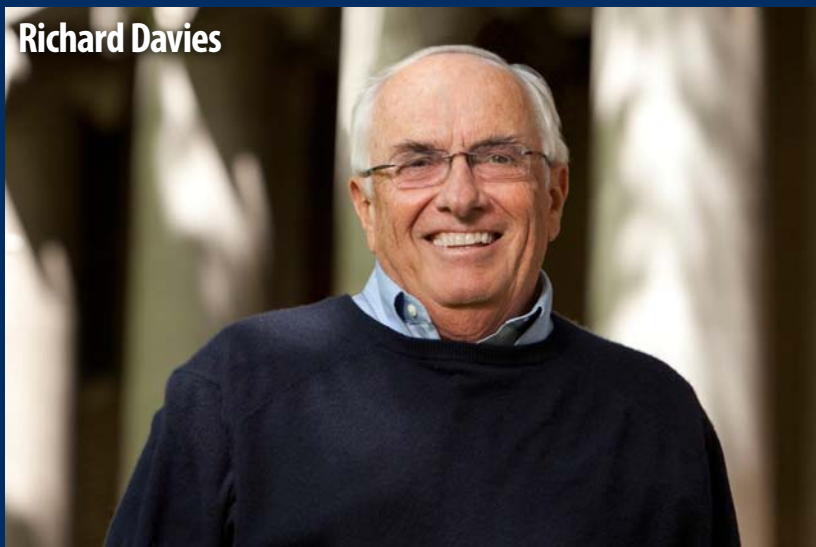
Richard Davies

Distinguished Service

Richard Davies joined the University in 1980 as vice president for academic affairs and later joined the Department of History. He is considered one of Nevada's finest authors and one of the nation's most respected experts on the social and cultural impact of sports on American society. His prolific body of work includes 15 books on modern American history that he has written, edited or co-edited. This list includes three co-edited volumes for the University's Core Humanities program, as well as the award-winning *Main Street Blues: The Decline of Small-Town America* (1998), and his latest book, *Rivals! The Ten Greatest American Sports Rivalries of the 20th Century* (2010). He was named a University Foundation Distinguished Professor in 1999.



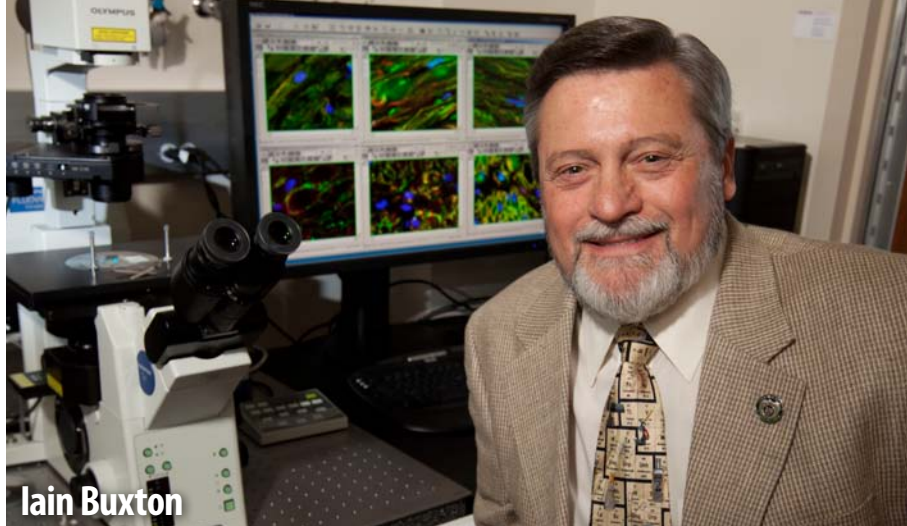
Leonard Weinberg



Richard Davies



Sergiu Dascalu



Iain Buxton



Monica Miller



Michael Webster

research; he has taken many on trips to visit archives in the United Kingdom, Japan and the United States.

Sergiu Dascalu

F. Donald Tibbitts Distinguished Teacher Award

Sergiu Dascalu, an associate professor of computer science and engineering at the University for nine years, has earned a reputation as a professor who grabs his students' attention, not through theatrics, but through an elegant pedagogical simplicity that makes even the most complex problem seem elementary once he has explained it.

"I strive in my teaching to make things simple," says the native of Romania. "Sometimes the subject matter is very complicated. The key for any good teacher is to try to make very complicated things look very simple."

Yaakov Varol, chair of the computer science and engineering department, says his colleague is an extremely hard-working individual who enjoys student-teacher interaction.

"Sergiu's a very caring teacher," Varol says. "He devotes a lot of time preparing for his classes. He has a very strong research portfolio

that helps him in passing along the latest knowledge to his students. He's a believer in spending a lot of time with his students, to having an open door policy. Students can knock at his door anytime."

Dascalu is also the recipient of this year's Outstanding Undergraduate Research Faculty Mentor Award.

Iain Buxton

Regents' Researcher Award

Iain Buxton, professor of pharmacology at the University of Nevada School of Medicine, is this year's recipient of the top research award for the Nevada System of Higher Education, the Regents' Researcher Award. His research focuses on causes of pre-term birth and the behavior of breast cancer cells.

Buxton's research, which has often led to discoveries that were breakthroughs against the prevailing scientific thought in the field, has garnered national attention and more than \$6 million in grants from the National Institute of Health, the March of Dimes and the Department of Defense. Most recently, Buxton was awarded a Bill & Melinda Gates

Foundation Global Health research grant, the first in Nevada. In 2008, he received the University's Outstanding Researcher Award. He also received the 2011 Graduate Student Association's Vada Trimble Outstanding Mentor Award.

Monica Miller

Regents' Rising Researcher Award

Monica Miller, associate professor of criminal justice and social psychology, is this year's recipient of the Regents' Rising Researcher Award. In 2009, she was also awarded the Vada Trimble Outstanding Mentor Award.

Miller's research interests include jury decision-making, judicial stress and justice in family issues. She has published more than 60 articles, several book chapters and four books. She is currently writing a book on stress, trauma and well-being in the courtroom, looking at how various groups—lawyers, judges, victims, jurors, etc.—experience the legal system and what changes could be made to improve those experiences.



Jennifer O'Neil '02



Thomas Harrison




Diane Barone '89Ed.D.

advising prospective students about places and ways to plan and obtain financial aid, and providing accurate and incisive information related to different licensing programs (making timely and appropriate referrals to other departments on campus). In addition to his responsibilities as associate dean, he continues to advise students on a regular basis.

Diane Barone '89Ed.D.

Distinguished Outreach Faculty

Diane Barone '89Ed.D. (curriculum and instruction), professor of educational specialties, won the 2010 John Manning Public School Service Award from the International Reading Association, the largest professional organization in her field. She was selected University Foundation Professor in 2008 and was also a former recipient of the Excellence in Research Award, as well as the Outstanding Researcher, 2001, for the College of Education.

Since she began her career at Nevada in 1994, the majority of Barone's outreach work and research has occurred over time in schools that are identified as "low performing." At each site, she meets with the principal and the school's leadership team to collaboratively decide the focus of her work. As a result, the professional collaborations with each school are unique. Her outreach work has made a difference for teachers and children and has added to the stature of the University as a leader in education. In addition, Nevada was the only state without National Board certified teachers in the early 1990s. Barone worked with the Nevada Department of Education and provided classes to support teachers in Las Vegas and Reno. In a six-year time period, significant numbers of teachers became National Board certified in the state. 

—Melanie Robbins '06M.A. and staff reports

Michael Webster

University Outstanding Researcher of the Year

Michael Webster, professor and associate chair of psychology, has demonstrated excellence in his area of research by conducting transformative investigations in color and form perception and how these are shaped by adaptation to the natural visual environment. Surprisingly, he has found that how the world appears depends largely on what one has recently been looking at. His impressive list of more than 80 publications includes four in the prestigious *Journal of Nature*.

Webster has received close to \$2.5 million in external funding since joining the University in 1994. He is widely recognized as the leading expert in his field.

Jennifer O'Neil '02

Regents' Academic Advisor Award, Undergraduate

Jennifer O'Neil '02 (general studies), academic adviser, contributes to the success of students in the College of Engineering by taking a "hands-on" approach, continuously

reaching out to the more than 500 students she advises. She was recognized for her dedication to students with this year's Regents' Academic Advisor Award for Nevada System of Higher Education excellence in advising undergraduate students.

O'Neil began her career at Nevada in 1989 and started advising in 2006. Faculty say that because of O'Neil's advisement, the student experience has been greatly enhanced, and the college has seen high levels of student retention.

Thomas Harrison

University Graduate Academic Advisor Award

Thomas Harrison, associate dean of the College of Education, has been a professor and chair of the Department of Educational Psychology, Counseling, and Human Development. He has been advising master's and doctoral degree students since 1988 when he began his career at Nevada, averaging about 15 master's advisees and three doctoral students each year. He has successfully recruited numerous students through advisement strategies such as planning programs of study,



Buddy Borden



Chris Cheney



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Sue Donaldson



Margaret Ferrara



Kay Fowler



Paul Starrs and Peter Goin



Jennifer Hollander



Roseann Keegan

Faculty Awards and Accomplishments

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In addition to the faculty featured elsewhere in this issue, outstanding faculty across campus and the state have distinguished themselves with notable accomplishments.

Gary Blomquist, biochemistry and molecular biology: Entomological Society of America's Recognition Award in Insect Physiology, Biochemistry and Toxicology.

Buddy Borden, Cooperative Extension: National Award of Excellence in Economic Development and Public Policy Research from the University Economic Development Association.

Christine Cheney, College of Education: 2011 Distinguished Alumna, Indiana University School of Education.

Amy Childress, civil and environmental engineering: 2011 Technology Educator of the Year, Nevada's Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology; Nevada Women's Fund Salute to Women of Achievement honoree.

Rod Davis, Cooperative Extension: MetLife Citizen Development Award; Bureau of Land Management Community Outreach and Security Award.

Greta De Jong, history: Mousel-Feltner Award for Excellence in Research and/or Creative Activity.

Joseph DeLappe, art: College of Liberal Arts Award for Outstanding Research and Artistry.

Sue Donaldson, Cooperative Extension: Joint Council of Extension Professionals Award of Appreciation.

Staci Emm and Loretta Singletary, Cooperative Extension: National Bound Book First Place Award, National Association of County Agriculture Agents; National Bound Book Gold Award, Association of Natural Resources Extension Professionals, for "People of the Land" curriculum.

Imelda Espejo, Cooperative Extension: University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Award of Excellence.

Cahit Evrensel, mechanical engineering: Fellow of American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Echezona Ezeanolue, pediatrics: American Academy of Pediatrics' Council on Community Pediatrics Local Heroes Award; Robert Wood Johnson Foundation health policy fellow.

Margaret Ferrara, curriculum, reaching and learning: University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Award of Excellence for use of the Civic Engagement and Reflection Program.

Stacy Gordon Fisher, political science: College of Liberal Arts Alan Bible Teaching Excellence Award.

Catherine "Kay" Fowler, anthropology emerita: 2011 Fellow to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; 2011 Fellow to the National Academy of Sciences.

Patrick Ghezzi, psychology: College of Liberal Arts Special Award for Outreach.

Peter Goin, art, and **Paul Starrs**, geography: Association of American Geographers' John Brinkerhoff Jackson Prize for A Field Guide to California Agriculture.

John Gosche, surgery: Nevada Business magazine's 2010 Southern Nevada Healthcare Hero Award.

Robert "Jake" Highton, journalism: Reynolds School of Journalism Nevada Semenza Teaching Award.

Jennifer Hollander, biology: College of Science LeMay Excellence in Teaching Award.

Fred Holman, Extended Studies: appointed to executive boards for the International University and Professional Continuing Education Association and the national Education Advisory Board.

Thomas J. Hunt, family and community medicine: Elected president of the Nevada chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Roseann Keegan, donor relations: USC Annenberg School for Communications and Journalism 2010-11 California Endowment Health Journalism Fellow.

Sang Don Koh, physiology and cell biology: American Gastroenterological Association Masters Award for Basic Research in Digestive Sciences.

Cornelis Kreemer, Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology: American Geophysical Union's Geodesy Section Award for 2010; Mackay Researcher of the Year.

Deborah Kuhls, surgery: Royal College of



David Leitner



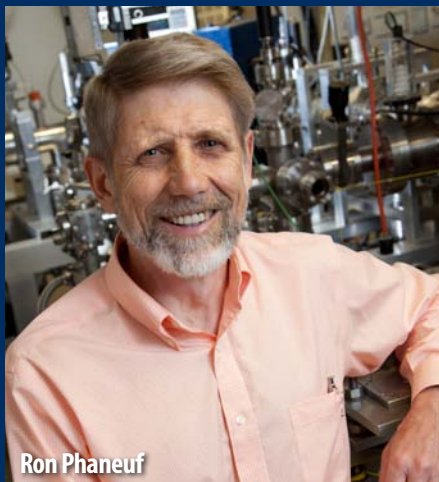
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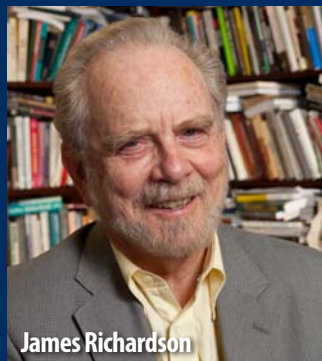
Ron Phaneuf



Mark Pingle



Sonja Pippin



James Richardson



Lynda Wiest



Jeffrey Wong

Surgeons of Thailand Honorary Fellowship.

Daphne Lapointe, Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology: Mackay Award for Excellence.

David Leitner, chemistry: College of Science Hyung K. Shin Excellence in Research Award.

Andrea Lenz, music: Governor's Art Award for Excellence in the Arts.

Matthew Leone, criminal justice: College of Liberal Arts Award for Outstanding Teaching by a Member of the Continuing Faculty.

Anne Lindsay, Cooperative Extension: National Television Award, third place; Western Regional Television Award, first place, from the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences for "All 4 Kids."

Kent McAdoo, Cooperative Extension: National Association of County Agricultural Agents Distinguished Service Award.

Gary McCuin, Cooperative Extension: Nevada Section Society For Range Management Great Basin Award; Eureka County Conservation District Outstanding in Conservation Award.

Amy Meier, Cooperative Extension, MetLife Foundation Award of Excellence for "Bootstraps" program.

Robert Morris, Cooperative Extension: International Volunteer Award, awarded by President Obama for volunteer work in Tajikistan.

John Muntean, Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology: Mousel-Feltner Award in Research.

Tom Nickles, philosophy: American Association for the Advancement of Science Fellow.

Michele Pelter, Orvis School of Nursing, and **Alina Solovyova-Vincent**, Teaching and Learning Technologies: Third year in a row: Blackboard Exemplary Course Award, in an international competition, for their online course. Solovyova-Vincent also won the 2011 Blackboard Catalyst Award for Excellence in Online Professional Development.

Ron Phaneuf, physics: Faculty Senate's Award for Outstanding Service.

Mark Pingle, economics: College of Business 2010 B.J. Fuller Teaching Excellence Award.

Sonja Pippin, accounting and information systems: College of Business Beta Gamma Sigma Researcher of the Year 2011.

Jonathan Price, Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology: Geological Society of America 2010 Public Service Award; Mining and Metallurgical Society of

America President's Citation.

James Richardson, sociology: Faculty Senate's Award for Outstanding Service.

Brad Schultz, Cooperative Extension: American Society of Agronomy Publications Award for Nevada Noxious Weed Field Guide.

Marilyn Smith, Cooperative Extension: MetLife Foundation Award and National 4-H Council Award of Excellence.

Thomas Smith, history: College of Liberal Arts Award for Outstanding Teaching and Service by a Member of the Continuing Faculty.

Daniel Spogen, family and community medicine: Nevada Academy of Family Physicians' 2011 Family Physician of the Year and Consultant of the Year; Truckee Meadows Tomorrow 2011 Silver Star Award.

Yvonne Stedham, managerial sciences: College of Business Graduate Faculty—Excellence in Teaching Award.

Grant Stitt, criminal justice: College of Liberal Arts Award for Service.

Ole Thienhaus, psychiatry: Nevada Business magazine's 2010 Northern Nevada Healthcare Hero in the educator category.

Deborah Verstegen, educational leadership: National Education Finance Conference Distinguished Fellow.

Dan Weigel and **Sally Martin**, Cooperative Extension: National Institute of Food and Agriculture 2010 National Partnership Award for "Family Storyteller," a family-literacy program that has helped more than 16,000 Nevada families.

Lynda Wiest, educational specialties: Co-chair for the Psychology of Mathematics Education—Northern American Chapter Conference, Fall 2011.

Don Winne, managerial sciences: College of Business Student Council Outstanding Faculty Award 2011.

Jeff Wong, accounting and information systems: College of Business Beta Alpha Psi's Outstanding Accounting Faculty in 2010 and 2011.

Wei Yan, physiology and cell biology: membership in the National Institutes of Health's Cellular, Molecular and Integrative Reproduction Study Section of the Center for Scientific Review.

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For additional stories about award winners.



Photo provided by Bruce Moran

Bruce Moran reports from fellowship at the Huntington Library

History professor Bruce Moran in front of the Huntington Library in San Marino, Calif.

Since 2006 the Huntington Library in San Marino, Calif., has been home to one of the most important collections in the history of science and technology, the famous Burndy Library. The collection, approximately 67,000 rare books and reference volumes as well as scientific instruments, has made the Huntington Library, already well known in other respects, one of the most important venues for the study of the history of science in the world. Each year a scholar has been selected by committee to be awarded a special fellowship at the Huntington, and be named the Dibner Distinguished Fellow in the History of Science and Technology. There is no application for this fellowship. Selection is made on the basis of contributions to the field of the history of science. For the academic year 2010-11 history professor Bruce Moran has held this distinction.

"This is an enormous honor," says Moran,

"and one that is altogether humbling when you consider all those who might also have been acknowledged."

One of the best things about being at the Huntington, aside from having time to research and write, is the environment, he notes. "The gardens, galleries and library offer a brilliant space in which to work, but even more important has been the community of scholars in residence. The fellows here meet everyday, sometimes formally, sometimes just for lunch, but the result is an intellectual atmosphere that encourages creativity and the exchange of ideas." That collegiality, along with the books and manuscripts, has made the year especially productive and memorable, he says.

Moran is eager to point out that Nevada students have access to some of the best teachers and researchers in the country:

"Every once in a while one or another of us

may be selected for some sort of recognition, but students are often unaware of the riches that surround them on a daily basis. The reputation of the history of science at Nevada may be better known outside the institution than within it. Classes at the University of Nevada, Reno in the history of science, the history of medicine, the philosophy of science have been around for many years and have been taught by some of the most excellent teachers the University has to offer. We're very good at what we do. Students should know this and pack those classes.

"I'm thrilled to be at the Huntington," Moran adds, "but teaching is another love, and when I teach the history of science at Nevada, it's not just me, but experiences of a world far beyond the classroom, that is standing in front of a class."

—Staff reports



Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas

After 100 semesters, Pfaff still a marvel

The numbers presented May 23 during a special ceremony honoring Don Pfaff's 50 years on campus were staggering.

Over 100 semesters of teaching during his 50-year career as a professor of mathematics at Nevada, Pfaff has:

- Graded close to 60,000 assignments;
- Taught close to 20,000 students;
- Spent close to a million minutes doing mathematics instruction to students;
- Established the faculty record for longevity for the University of Nevada, Reno and the Nevada System of Higher Education as the longest-serving professor ever.

And yet, what became clear during the two-hour gathering in the Joe Crowley Student Union Ballroom attended by many of Pfaff's former and current colleagues, friends and family, was what a profound influence he has had on the people he has met.

First and foremost, speakers stressed, Pfaff has always been an extraordinary teacher.

College of Science Dean Jeff Thompson noted that for all of the truly mind-boggling numbers associated with Pfaff's tenure, "the time Don is most known for ... is educating."

Steve Maples, director of admissions, remembered how Pfaff's influence went far

beyond the classroom. Several years ago the University had begun a program to help at-risk enrollees succeed on campus.

To teach math, Maples found a ready volunteer in Pfaff.

"Sure, I'd love to ... sounds like a great program," Maples remembered Pfaff saying. "Don taught them all kinds of different things before they came into college."

Because of Pfaff's teaching, Maples said, "Students in that program had higher graduation rates than the general student body ... Don was a major factor in that."

Harvey Lambert, a former colleague of Pfaff's in the math department, noted Pfaff's many "idiosyncrasies," including Pfaff's well-known penchant for Hawaiian shirts.

But that wasn't the only colorful thing about Pfaff, Lambert said.

"He used to walk around with his pocket lined with felt-tipped pens," Lambert said. "He would say, 'You're just jealous because I've got flair.'"

Bruce Blackadar, another longtime math professor, recalled the kindness Pfaff had shown him when Blackadar first arrived on campus in 1975.

"He was very generous and gracious to me,"

Don Pfaff with grandson Taylor Pfaff, son Nicholas Pfaff and daughter Kristina Pfaff Harris.

Blackadar said. "Don gave me his office and moved into what was basically a cubicle with the T.A.'s."

"I came to realize this was typical of Don" he added.

Former student Darren Ripley—a math instructor at The Davidson Academy of Nevada—said that within five minutes of taking his first class from Pfaff, "I was completely be-dazzled."

Ripley said that in 22 years of knowing Pfaff, he had taken "15 courses ... 50 or 60 exams ... heard 630 bad puns ... 115 decent puns ... and 43 really good ones" from Pfaff.

Out of the "782" times Ripley had asked for Pfaff's advice over the years, "780 times I followed it and the two times I didn't ... it ended badly."

For his part, Pfaff, who spoke at the ceremony's conclusion, said he "never dreamed something like this would ever happen."

And then, in typical Pfaff fashion, he smiled a bit mischievously, patted his breast pocket and pulled out a piece of paper.

"But just in case," he said, drawing great laughter from the crowd, "I've prepared some notes."

—John Trent '85/'87, '00M.A.

Jeane Jones

Dr. Jeane Jones '98HDL

I grew up in Malad, Idaho, a small cattle ranching community near the Utah border. My family lived there since my great-grandfather emigrated from Wales. I still have a home in Malad.

Living in a small town, your word was your bond and you had guidelines that were set for you. You knew who you were, and your parents knew what you did 10 minutes after it happened. On the other hand, if anyone was ever in trouble, people were there to help. I feel very fortunate to have been raised in a small community, especially a Welsh community that valued the arts and education. We always had strong arts and music programs in school. The town still has a choir and theatre group. The people of Malad want their children to be well educated.

When I began college at the University of Oregon, I planned to go into medical technology. One day, a gentleman from the laboratory taught a class before lunchtime. He displayed a number of body parts. When he brought in a brain, that was it for me—I couldn't eat lunch. I decided to go into teaching instead. I taught mathematics in high school for about four years and became involved in student activities and guiding students, which I really enjoyed. I went on to get a master's from the University of Utah and a doctorate in academic guidance counseling from Washington State University.

My Aunt Nell, who was my father's sister, retired to Reno in the 1930s with her husband, LaVere Redfield. She founded the Nell J. Redfield Foundation in 1975 with \$20,000. I was one of the founding trustees. Our first gift was \$1,000 to the School of Medicine to help cover health care costs for some of the students. Without this assistance, these students would

have left school because they could not afford their medical expenses. Aunt Nell referred to them as "my students" and always asked if "my students" needed anything. She loved it when the students visited her. Aunt Nell was a very gracious, generous woman. She was very close to my siblings and me, and she spent many summers with us. She lived to be 87. Today, whenever the Redfield Foundation trustees consider a proposal, we ask, "What would Aunt Nell want?" Her influence has served us well. Through her vision, we have tried to raise the bar in everything we have done in this community.

I am very proud of the impact that the Redfield Foundation has made on campus. With all of the University's new buildings, we now have the facilities that make this a great place for students, faculty and researchers. We have been involved with the School of Medicine for a very long time—supporting the student outreach clinics and the student health center, as well as the speech pathology department, and providing a lecture hall in the Pennington Medical Education Building. In addition, we helped fund the new William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building.

In the College of Education, the Redfield Learning and Resource Center works with the Washoe County School District providing curricula for teachers to borrow and use. We funded the Redfield Proscenium and Studio Theatres in the College of Liberal Arts and the state-of-the-art Redfield Auditorium in the new Davidson Mathematics and Science Center, which allows for outstanding speakers to give presentations. We provide scholarships for engineering students and women's athletics, and now proudly support five National Merit Scholars a year through the completion of their

college degree programs. In four years, we will support 20 scholars.


And of course, there is the Redfield Campus, where both Truckee Meadows Community College and the University have buildings. The Redfield Foundation hopes to create a high-tech campus through collaborative efforts with the University, TMCC and the Desert Research Institute by supporting new alternative energy programs.

The Redfield Foundation endeavors to make this a better community, to provide better health services and better education. Businesses that consider relocating to this state want an educated workforce, as well as a University with good research programs and the ability to train people.

As Redfield Foundation trustees, Jerry Smith and I meet annually with area leaders and our grantees to see how we can support their long-range plans. In this way, we learn about the needs of our community. We help guide smaller organizations to plan strategically, and we bring people together to cooperate on programs. I consider it a real privilege to be in this position to serve our community. How many people have this opportunity? We have a very generous community.

From a conversation in June with Crystal Parrish, director of foundation operations. Dr. Jeane Jones is a founding trustee of the Nell J. Redfield Foundation—an organization that has generously supported numerous programs at Nevada in athletics, education, engineering, health sciences, renewable energy, science, theatre and the Redfield Campus. In addition, the Redfield Foundation's philanthropic support has aided many community endeavors throughout the Truckee Meadows in the arts, education and health services. Dr. Jones received an honorary associate degree and President's Medal from TMCC in 2002, and the President's Medal in 1987 and an honorary doctorate of letters in 1998 from the University. She is a former chair of the College of Engineering Advisory Board and served as a University Foundation Trustee from 1997 to 2002.

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Counselor Small Town Girl
Honorary **Doctorate**



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Extension nutrition specialist helping Nevadans eat better

Mary Wilson knew from a very early age that she wanted to teach people about nutrition. She just always thought she'd be doing it from behind the counter of her father's supermarket.

Jim Sloan is a communications specialist with University of Nevada Cooperative Extension

Wilson, a nutrition specialist for University of Nevada Cooperative Extension since 1989, grew up in tiny Buffalo, Wyo., where her grandfather started the store in 1927 and her father took it over in 1962.

Growing up, Wilson worked almost every

job in the place—from keeping the books to stocking the produce section. Even after she'd moved away to study nutrition at the University of Wyoming and later at the University of Arizona, she always figured she'd return to Buffalo, a ranching town of about 3,900 residents, and run the supermarket.

But after her dad retired, Wilson's career path took a sharp turn and she found herself working for Cooperative Extension, where over the years she has developed dozens of programs that have reached thousands of Nevadans with important information about nutrition and food—what to buy, what to avoid and how to make sure your diet is healthy.

Carol Hendrix, Mary Wilson and Adelina Morales work on a do-it-yourself seasoning mix that is both low-cost and healthier than store-brand options, at a workshop in Las Vegas.

Looking back, she feels she made the right choice.

"I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to work with Cooperative Extension," Wilson says. "I have always enjoyed getting out in the community and helping people. I never grow tired of that."

While developing such long-lasting programs as "Calcium, It's Not Just Milk," "Apple a Day" and "Eat Smart Live Strong," Wilson has touched the lives of tens of thousands of Nevadans, from senior citizens to young children and from Clark County to Washoe County.

Sharing expertise with colleagues and consumers

Wilson's programs, classes and online courses have taught Nevadans about a remarkably broad range of topics, from coronary heart disease to wellness to food safety. In many cases, her work has reached the people who need it the most, including seniors receiving commodity foods and low-income families.

What's more, Wilson has generously shared her expertise with nutrition experts around the country and within Cooperative Extension. Since Wilson took over in 2005 as the administrator of Cooperative Extension's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Education grant, formerly known as Food Stamp Nutrition Education, the number of federally funded extension programs has grown from six programs to 16, and the amount of grant funding has jumped from \$427,742 to more than \$1.22 million.

As the state coordinator for the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program, she has taken a national leadership role, such as when she coordinated pilot research in five states to test a new evaluation strategy for the program. Her close examination of the geographic areas being served by the Expanded Food program led her to recommend hiring more Spanish-speaking and African-American paraprofessionals for the program.

As a result, the Expanded Food program last year reached 1,051 participants in Nevada with incomes below the poverty line.

Partnerships are central to her programs

In addition to her leadership and skilled management, Wilson also enjoys collaborating with University experts from other disciplines.

One example is her 20-year-old "Apple a Day" program, in which she has partnered with the School of Medicine to deliver free educational materials through physicians' offices about proper nutrition. She also recently worked with extension exercise physiologist Anne Lindsay on a training program called "Eat Healthy Be Active", an online chronic disease and injury risk-reduction program that emphasizes good nutrition and physical activity to improve employee health and decrease

absenteeism and health care costs.

One of her favorite programs, and one that surprised her with its popularity, is called "Eat Smart Live Strong," where she teams up with extension horticulturist Angela O'Callaghan to teach seniors how to grow herbs indoors and then use those herbs to prepare tasty meals from the commodity foods—such as canned vegetables and fruits, canned meat and whole wheat pasta—the seniors receive.

While doing research prior to developing the program with O'Callaghan, Wilson interviewed several seniors and determined that many were at risk of malnutrition. They didn't understand how food expiration dates worked, and they were frequently tired of eating the same commodity foods over and over.

Secret ingredients of success

Wilson and O'Callaghan have conducted the class several times since launching the program, and they are enjoying great success. O'Callaghan shows seniors how easy it is to grow herbs and small vegetables in their homes, and Wilson demonstrates recipes using the herbs and the commodity foods. Usually there is a tasting, and one of the seniors' favorites is glazed carrots with mint grown on the windowsill.

"Seniors love to come to this class," Wilson says. "People generally aren't that receptive to nutrition classes because no one wants to make the kind of changes I'm usually asking them to make.

"But this class is different," she adds. "After the first session (of a five-week program), they're hooked."

Wilson's analysis found that participants eat more fruits and vegetables after completing the program. She also found that the potential risk for malnutrition among people who have completed the program declines dramatically. But just as importantly, seniors come away from the class feeling that they have more control over their lives and are less helpless in dealing with problems, Wilson says.

"I threw away a million bad habits," says one participant after a class at the East Valley Family Resource Center in Las Vegas. "This is one of the best things we've ever done here."

Looking for new ways to reach more people

Wilson says the need for getting good nutrition information to low-income families has never been more important. She says that more than 310,000 Nevadans were receiving supplemental nutrition benefits in 2010—a 61 percent increase since 2009—and people are signing up for help at a rate of about 5,000 participants a month.

These difficult economic times—exacerbated by increasing health care costs—have prompted her to find more efficient ways to reach more Nevadans with vital information about their diets. That's why she and Lindsay worked with Jill Wallace, a University instructional design expert, to develop the 12-week online education series for "Eat Smart Be Active," which encourages worksite wellness by emphasizing nutrition and exercise.

Meanwhile, her "Calcium, It's Not Just Milk" program uses a "train the trainer model" in an effort to reach even more middle school students in low-income areas about the importance of adequate calcium intake. By going into schools and training health instructors to deliver her curriculum, that program was able to reach 1,650 students in 10 schools last year.

This kind of work prompted her colleagues to nominate Wilson for the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy Award of Excellence.

"Mary is known for her professional skills and standards, but also for her kindness and concern for others," says Jamie Benedict, an associate professor of nutrition in the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources who has worked with Wilson on several programs. "She's a great team player. She's the team member who takes up the slack and inspires others to persevere."

Extension Southern Area Director Jerry Buk agreed.

"She's one of the hardest working, most passionate teachers I've ever worked with," says Buk. "Her programs have made a huge difference over the years in the health of Nevadans. I shudder to think where this state would be healthwise without her work." ■



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Commencement sees largest-ever graduating class 'cross the stage'

The University marked a historic Commencement weekend, with more than 2,000 degrees and certificates—a record for the 137-year-old institution—awarded on May 13-14.

University President Marc Johnson, in his Commencement address welcoming graduates, noted that the record graduation of 2,012 was just the tip of what had been a year of historic achievement for the University.

Johnson said that in addition to record graduation, the University had reached milestones in most students enrolled at 17,679, highest freshman retention rate (80 percent) and most National Merit Scholars enrolled (38).

"These are milestones that have been reached while our campus has absorbed record budget reductions," Johnson said. "It is truly an amazing story, and illustrates so well the resilience and spirit of our faculty, staff and students ... we are a university for all Nevada."

Johnson encouraged the weekend's graduates to follow their passion, quoting Thoreau that it is best to, "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."

Both the advanced degree ceremony, held on Friday evening on the Quad, and the undergraduate degree ceremony, held on Saturday morning, featured tributes to late University

President Milt Glick, who passed away on April 16 at age 73.

Said Johnson: "(Glick) was never jaundiced or cynical. He was an optimist. And if the world got a little wobbly from time to time, he always gave the answer to the problem. The answer to all our problems is in education."

The graduates who attended the ceremony seemed jubilant to have what Johnson called "the last line written" for their college careers—though they were also expectant and excited for the future.

"It took a long time, and I'm pretty glad to be here right now," Paul Kanow, a biology graduate, told the *Reno Gazette-Journal*. "It definitely was pretty difficult at some times, but it was well worth it now."

Glick, and Federal Judge Edward Reed

University President Marc Johnson addresses more than 2,000 graduates at Commencement.

Jr. '49 (arts and science) were honored with Distinguished Nevadan awards. former Regent Dorothy Gallagher '48 (political science) and Nevada State Sen. William Raggio '47 (premedical) were presented with honorary degrees.

—John Trent '85/'87, '00M.A.



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Peggy Glick accepts the Distinguished Nevadan honor on behalf of her late husband, Dr. Milton D. Glick; State Senator William Raggio '48 (political science) and former NSHE Regent Dorothy Gallagher '47 (premedical) received honorary degrees.

Johnson named University interim president

The Nevada Board of Regents unanimously approved on May 6 Chancellor Dan Klaich's recommendation of Marc Johnson to serve as interim president of the University of Nevada, Reno. Johnson has served as executive vice president and provost since 2008.

"It is a high honor to have been asked to serve in this capacity," Johnson said. "This is a quality institution with a strong reputation for continuing in the great tradition of public, land-grant universities. In my three years with the University, I have been impressed by the extent to which faculty and staff embrace our teaching and research missions and by their strongly held commitment to statewide service and to Nevada's future economic development and well-being."

Board of Regents outgoing chair James Dean Leavitt said: "During our visits with the various campus constituents, it became clear to me, incoming chair Jason Geddes and Chancellor Dan Klaich, that Dr. Johnson was the best choice to assume the University of Nevada, Reno presidency. He has the experience, the knowledge and the vision to lead this University. He is the right person at the right time to continue to move the University forward."

The appointment of interim president follows the sudden death of University President Milt Glick April 16. In a message to University faculty and staff, Johnson acknowledged the loss, as well as current budgetary challenges:

"Despite the budgetary challenges we face, our campus has shown a remarkable capacity of spirit. Going forward our University will continue President Glick's legacy of student success, quality undergraduate and graduate academic and research offerings, and community engagement through outreach. We have a talented and cohesive team that will ensure that our roots for continuity and collaboration will remain strong."

As provost, often described as a university's chief academic officer, the University's academic units, including the colleges, schools and extended studies, reported to Johnson. He also led the development of the University's Strategic Plan, which provides an operational blueprint through 2015 and incorporates input from individuals and divisions from across the University.

Johnson was raised and employed on his family's fruit farm near Wichita, Kan., and began his career as a laboratory and instructional assistant at the Kansas State Teachers College.



President Marc Johnson

Photo courtesy of the President's Office

Prior to coming to Nevada, Johnson was dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences at Colorado State University. He also served as interim director of Colorado Cooperative Extension and interim state forester of Colorado State Forest Service, both hosted through CSU. From 1992 to 2003, Johnson was dean of the Kansas State University College of Agriculture and director of the Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service. Prior to that he was a member of the faculty at Oklahoma State University and served in faculty and administrative roles at North Carolina State University.

Johnson received his bachelor's in biology from Emporia State University in Kansas, which named him a Distinguished Alumnus in 1994. His advanced degrees include a master of technology in international development from North Carolina State University, a master of economics from Michigan State University and a doctorate of agriculture economics from Michigan State University. Johnson's research and teaching have been based in economics, with an emphasis on national and international food distribution systems.

The appointment of Johnson as interim president follows a series of campus meetings conducted by Klaich, Leavitt and Geddes to hear input from faculty, staff and students. Leavitt announced at the May 6 regents' meeting that the board will initiate a national search next fall for the University president position.

—Jane Tors '82

Liberal Arts dean, Heather Hardy, named provost

Heather Hardy has been named provost of the University.

Hardy has served as dean of the College of Liberal Arts since joining the University in 2005. Previously, she served as dean of liberal arts at Colorado State University.

"Dr. Hardy has eight years of experience as dean of a large liberal arts college at two institutions," said Marc Johnson, University president. "She has the experience and strong academic values which will encourage continued forward movement at the University along the path of the mission, vision and strategic plan adopted by the Nevada Board of Regents in December 2009."

"I am grateful for the opportunity to work with President Johnson to advance the mis-

sion of this excellent university," Hardy said. "It is an honor to be part of the strong leadership team that he and the late President Milt Glick assembled. My experience as dean of the College of Liberal Arts and collaboration with the other deans has been very rewarding, and I look forward to working with faculty, staff and students across the campus in this new role."

A professor of English and noted linguist, Hardy's research has focused on American Indian languages. Hardy holds a bachelor's in linguistics and English from Rice University and a doctorate in linguistics from UCLA.



Provost Heather Hardy

Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas

Prior to joining Colorado State, she served as chair of the department of English at Northern Illinois University from 1998-2003, where she had taught since 1993. She was promoted to professor in 1995.

As provost, Hardy will be responsible for academic and outreach programs and related support services such as faculty development and tenure, academic budgeting and curricular planning. The University's academic units, including the colleges, schools and extended studies, will report to Hardy. Her appointment as provost is effective June 1.

The role of provost was previously held by Johnson, who was named University president on May 6 and assigned full responsibility for the University's operations until a permanent president is identified.

—Jane Tors '82

Faces on the Quad



SADEEA QURESHI ABBASI

from Reno, earned her bachelor's degree in professional chemistry from Nevada in 2004.

In May 2011,

she earned both her M.D. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Nevada School of Medicine. Abbasi has been involved in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, the Food Bank of Northern Nevada, Student Outreach Clinics, and she founded the outreach branch of the American Geriatric Society for Students and the Medical Research Student Interest Group.

CHRIS BARRY

from Tacoma, Wash., enjoys his graduate coursework in athletic administration and student success.

The campus director of 925 Athletic Ministries played football at the University and earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education in 2004. The father of two is pursuing a master's in higher education administration. As a graduate assistant at the University's Center for Student Cultural Diversity, Barry produced a documentary, "Nevada's First-Generation," highlighting the experiences of University students who will be the first in their families to earn a college degree. Barry plans to earn a doctorate in educational leadership.

—Tiffany Moore, Class of 2013

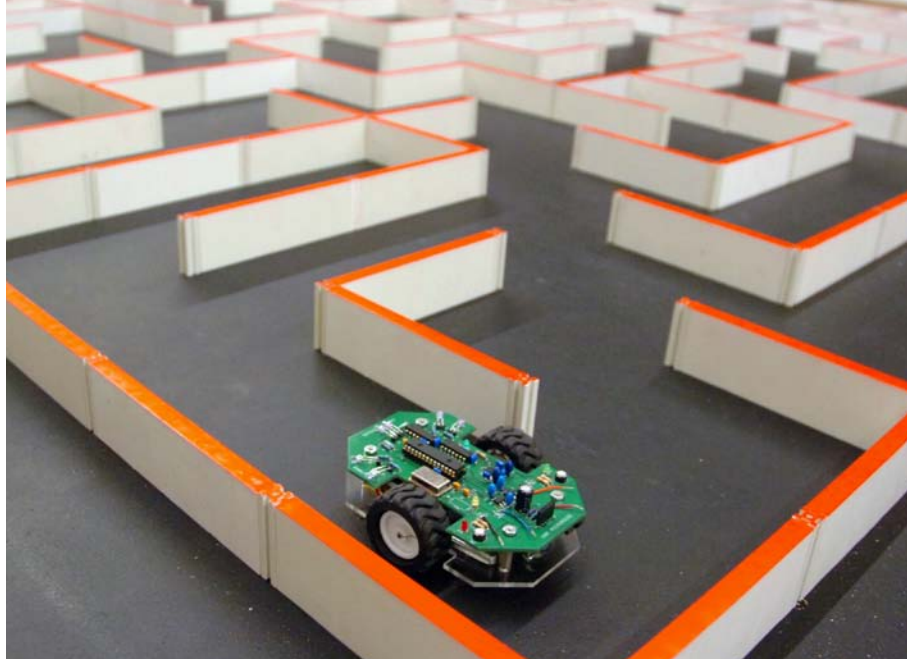


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University's mini-robot vehicle wins MicroMouse event

The University's mini-robot vehicle scooted its way around a maze to beat out 10 other teams from around the west during an April 23 event on the Nevada campus. The MicroMouse competition featured small robotic vehicles designed, built and programmed by undergraduate electrical engineering students.

The University's team of Alexander Bajenov and Eric Chalko spent months designing and building their palm-sized mouse, "Nevada Blue." Their hard work paid off by completing the fastest run of the day—22 seconds—just two seconds ahead of second-place winner, University of Hawaii, Manoa. California State University, Chico was third with a time of 49 seconds.

The vehicles are built with sensors, tiny motors for a drive system and a programmable computer chip for decision making to guide it as it moves through the twists and turns of the maze. The goal is to get the mouse from one corner of the maze to the center square in the fastest possible time.

"The final path was very short," said Mehdi Etezadi, chair of the electrical and biomedical engineering department. "It was a lot of complex twist and turns, which Nevada Blue handled well, but it wasn't able to use its high speed to really gain a good time gap. The students have done a fantastic job in winning the first place award for all categories of the competition."

Contestants are not permitted to know the layout of the maze prior to the beginning of

The University's winning robotic vehicle, "Nevada Blue," warms up in the maze before the MicroMouse competition in April.

the competition. The vehicle uses its multiple sensors and controllers, and the computer chip, to find and remember its way to the center of the 12-foot-by-12-foot system of walls and gaps. The mouse may go through the maze multiple times within its allotted 10 minutes and the mouse's fastest time from start to finish counts.

"It's a highly complex, autonomous robot," Etezadi said. "There is no remote control. Besides the sophisticated construction, it takes creative programming and control system skill so it can learn as it goes to find its way to the center of the maze. Our student team has developed a super-smart mouse."

In addition to aiming for the fastest time through the maze, contestants were judged in a separate MicroMouse packaging competition. They were judged on audible noise, size and weight (smaller was better), thermal dissipation, power consumption, electromagnetic compatibility, reliability and product appearance and design. The University's team took first in this contest too.

The technologically advanced MicroMouse race was hosted by the University's electrical and biomedical engineering department as part of the spring conference for Region 6, Central Area of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

"We're very excited to have hosted this event," Etezadi said. "It was a great and fun opportunity for the community to see how students can put their skills into practice."

—Mike Wolterbeek '02

Qizhen Li receives prestigious National Science Foundation CAREER award

Qizhen Li, an assistant professor of chemical and materials engineering, has been awarded a highly competitive National Science Foundation five-year CAREER Award.

The \$569,120 award will allow her to develop, study and experiment with magnesium-based nanoporous materials. Nanoporous materials are a subset of nanomaterials, which are used in the burgeoning field of nanotechnology—the building of small and large structures beginning at the molecular or atomic level.

“The success of this research will allow full advantage to be taken of nanoporous magnesium for a variety of potential applications, such as in energy storage, biomedical joint replacements, and structural parts such as auto body parts,” Li said.

Nanoporous materials, as the term suggests, are highly porous, which provides channels for other substances to flow through.

The prestigious NSF Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program Award is given to faculty members at the beginning of their academic careers and is one of NSF’s most competitive awards, placing focus on high-quality research and education activities.

As part of the project, Li will bring graduate and undergraduate students into the project to train them for the workforce. She will also conduct outreach to the community to stimulate the interest and participation of high school students and underrepresented student groups in science and engineering.

“With this, we can give young students access to work in a research lab, to expose them

to this environment with hands-on experience and attract them to the field of materials engineering,” she said.

Said Manos Maragakis, dean of the College of Engineering: “This nationally recognized standard of excellence is a major accomplishment for Qizhen. We all congratulate her for this significant step.

“An award like this speaks well for the excellence of the faculty and the research programs in our college,” he added. “The college and the University are committed to providing our young faculty the best support possible for them to succeed, and accomplishments like Qizhen’s make all of us particularly proud.”

—Mike Wolterbeek '02



Qizhen Li

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A child poses at the Volunteers of America Reno Family Shelter on Record Street during "Expressions of Homelessness: Representations through the Arts,"—a series of poetry workshops for the shelter residents, organized and implemented by University honors students and the English department.

University students and professors bring poetry to local family shelter

University honor students partnered with the English department and Volunteers of America Reno Family Shelter on Record Street to organize and implement an eight-week project, "Expressions of Homelessness: Representations through the Arts."

On Thursdays in February and March, English professors volunteered to teach poetry workshops at the shelter, teaching groups of five to 10 shelter residents a new style of poetry each week. All participants received a free journal, which they used to write their own poems. Alex Ellison, an AmeriCorps VISTA member placed by Nevada Volunteers in the University's Honors Program, said, "We have two goals. The first is to raise awareness of the growing issue of homelessness in our area—to reveal the person behind the stereotype. The second is to empower the residents of the shelter."

Ellison and faculty members selected poetry

written by the residents to show in an exhibit in the DeLaMare Library on campus in April. Ellison hopes to display the exhibit in other locations in the community, as well as publish a book with portraits of the poets and copies of their poems.

"We're building a bridge between the campus and the community," Ellison said. "It started as an idea to just teach poetry classes, but it's become a really dynamic project and just keeps growing and growing. The professors enjoyed getting out and volunteering at the shelter. The residents were reluctant to share their work for the exhibit at first, but then they became more confident and empowered, realizing they were good writers."

The workshops ran for about an hour each week, and included time to discuss a model poem and to write poems based upon the style of the model. The professors taught styles of

poets such as Woody Guthrie, Kenneth Koch, Dr. Seuss and Richard Hugo.

Susan Palwick, associate professor of English, centered her workshop on Christopher Smart's "For I Will Consider My Cat Jeoffry," an excerpt from a longer poem, "Jubilate Agno."

"Writing poetry reminds both teachers and students—and, I hope, the wider community—what we have in common," Palwick said. "We all hunger, thirst, fear, love and hope. We all need shelter. We all yearn for safety. Those experiences are universal; the ways in which we express them are unique."

Other departments of the University also became involved in the project. The Black Rock Press helped format and design the pieces for display. University senior Arielle Murphy and sophomore Jennice Rodriguez worked with Peter Goin, foundation professor of art in photography and videography, to take photos for the project.

"Our job is to document the workshops," said Rodriguez. "We've been taking photos of the homeless, the teachers and the volunteers, adding a visual and artistic element to the project."

—Natalie Savidge '04

School of Medicine ranked second in *U.S. News & World Report's* 'most popular medical schools' list

The national news magazine *U.S. News & World Report* recently named the University of Nevada School of Medicine the second most popular medical school in the United States, based on percentage of admitted students who decide to enroll.

"The School of Medicine's high retention rate of admitted applicants reflects the medical school's energetic and collegial learning environment," said Peggy Dupey, associate dean of admissions and student affairs. "The staff of the Office of Admissions and Student

Affairs is proud to contribute to the positive perceptions of our applicants."

For the 2010 admissions cycle (Class of 2014 entering in the fall of 2010), the School of Medicine received 1,348 applications from prospective students and interviewed 225 for admission. The School of Medicine had 62 students, or 81.6 percent of the 76 accepted, enroll for the 2010-2011 academic year, according to the magazine.

The School of Medicine admits 62 students each year for a total current enrollment of

248 medical students.

Looking beyond enrollment figures, it is commonly held that many new physicians remain and practice medicine in the community in which they complete their residency. This certainly has been the case in Nevada. At 58.5 percent, Nevada has the nation's fifth highest percentage of physicians who chose to remain and practice in the state after completing their residency program. At 81 percent, Nevada has the nation's second highest percentage of physicians who chose to remain and practice in the state after completing both medical school and a residency program in Nevada.

—Anne McMillin, APR

Nevada student awarded prestigious Truman scholarship

During Judie Henderson's honor's thesis class in April, a big surprise came in the form of a white cake and late University President Milt Glick delivering the thrilling message.

"We are excited to tell you that you have been selected a Truman Scholar," Glick said.

The anthropology major, originally from Burnet, Texas, silently stood in shock as she was notified of the \$30,000 Harry S. Truman Scholarship, the first awarded to a University of Nevada student since 1985.

The Truman Scholarship is a highly competitive federal scholarship granted to U.S. college juniors for demonstrated leadership potential and a commitment to public service. Among 602 candidates nominated this year,

60 scholars were selected from 54 colleges and universities nationwide. The scholarships are directed toward graduate education. Henderson plans to pursue a master's degree in public policy specializing in health care policy, and then a doctorate in public policy.

Tamara Valentine, director of the University's Honors Program and Henderson's Truman faculty representative, said Henderson performed well at every stage of the process.

"Judie is truly committed to community service," Valentine said. "Her history of volunteerism and civic engagement has led her to advocating on issues related to disabilities and to acting as a voice for persons with disabilities."

Henderson, mother of a 21-year-old son and 11-year-old daughter, said her life's mission is to give a voice to those afraid to speak out against oppression.

"My life could have turned out differently based on my upbringing," Henderson said. "Instead, I have chosen to break the cycle of

abuse and addiction in my family and have now surrounded myself with amazing people."

Henderson is the chairperson for the City of Sparks Advisory Committee for the Disabled, a committee appointed by the mayor and city council. She is also a member of the National Association of Social Workers, the Undergraduate Student Social Work Association and Phi Alpha National Honor Society- Lambda Beta Chapter at Nevada. After her graduation next May, Henderson plans to attend the Summer Institute in Washington, D.C. provided by the Truman Foundation and hopes to intern at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.



Judie Henderson

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—Natalie Savidge '04



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Engineering students defend concrete canoe title at national competition

The University's concrete canoe team placed fifth in the American Society of Civil Engineers 2011 National Concrete Canoe Competition in Evansville, Ind., in June. The Nevada team placed first in the technical design paper category and in the top 10 of all other categories and paddling competitions. The team earned a spot in the national competition after defending their regional champion title and winning the Mid-Pacific regional competition in April.



Photo courtesy of the College of Engineering

The University's concrete canoe competition team placed fifth in the American Society of Civil Engineers 2011 National Concrete Canoe Competition the held in Indiana in June.

Team members began designing and building this year's canoe, "Black Diamond," in September. It is 20 feet long, half an inch thick and 31.25 inches at its widest part.

The national competition involved 23 teams from 18 regions, and it challenged the students' knowledge, creativity and stamina, while showcasing the versatility and durability of concrete as a building material. This year marked the team's sixth consecutive appearance in the national competition,

including its national title win in 2008.

"The sustained success of our program in this competition speaks highly for the excellence of our students and brings national recognition to the University and the College of Engineering," said Manos Maragakis, dean of the College of Engineering.

The University was recently selected to host the concrete canoe competition, June 14-16, 2012.

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Department of Computer Science and Engineering faculty gather in a University computer lab.

part-time MBA program. The program will be self-supporting, with a fee of \$2,000 per course, or \$24,000 for the program.

Greg Mosier, dean of the College of Business, said that although the primary purpose of the program is to serve Nevada executives, he expects executives from other states will enroll. Interested applicants will be required to have a bachelor's degree and significant professional work experience.

"We expect this program to be in high demand because of the quality of our faculty and reputation of our established MBA program," Mosier said. "It is priced very competitively, and since it is an online program, it will serve the needs of mid-career executives and experienced professionals throughout the state, not just those in northern Nevada."

To learn more about the Executive Online MBA Program, contact Kambiz Raffiee, associate dean of the College of Business, (775) 682-9142 or raffiee@unr.edu. To learn more about computer science and engineering degrees, contact Yaakov Varol, chair of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, (775) 784-6974 or varol@cse.unr.edu.

—Mike Wolterbeek '02 and
Claudene Wharton '86, '99M.A.

New degrees reflect regional workforce needs

To meet the diverse demands of the marketplace, the University is offering two new degree programs this fall: Computer Science and Engineering, and an Executive Online MBA Program.

By integrating the disciplines of computer science and computer engineering, this major attracts students interested in learning about computer software and hardware, in addition to learning how to solve problems with computer technology. Already a popular choice, 78 graduates and 273 undergraduates have enrolled.

"This will make our students more marketable, more well-rounded and more likely to quickly become productive in their new work environments," said Yaakov Varol, chair of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering.

Across the country, other colleges and universities have taken a similar approach. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the University of California, Davis and University of California, Berkeley are just a few of the

schools that have integrated computer engineering and computer science in recent years.

Varol said companies including General Electric in Minden, Bally's in Reno and Sierra Nevada Corporation in Sparks, interested in hiring University graduates, had asked for more "well-rounded" students who would be comfortable with both disciplines. In making the decision, University officials consulted students, alumni and the Computer Science and Engineering Industry Advisory Board, receiving strong support for the new programs.

The Executive Online MBA Program, beginning this fall, is designed to accommodate working professionals who want to excel in their profession. The online program builds on the strength of the part-time MBA program in the College of Business, which is ranked 21st in the nation by *Bloomberg Businessweek*. The online program allows mid-career executives to earn an MBA without leaving the workforce or relocating.

The 36-credit program will be taught by the same faculty who teach the University's

Special Collections exhibit celebrates 1950s bohemian artists

The Special Collections department is presenting the Post-war Bohemians of Northern Nevada art exhibit through Sept. 30. The exhibit showcases unique abstract art, while shedding light on a fascinating and influential arts community in northern Nevada during the 1950s.

Following World War II, a group of local artists gathered in Virginia City and experimented with art styles and lifestyles that were out of country's mainstream. During an era of conformity, these bohemians proudly lived out their often controversial values, while producing surprising abstract art. Included in the exhibit are well-known local artists such as

Craig Sheppard, Robert Caples and Robert Hartman, along with stunning works of the forgotten artists Adine Stix, Zoray Kraemer and others.

Photographs by Gus Bundy, along with papers and memorabilia from the artists, will also be on display in the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center Special Collections exhibit area (third floor). Admission is free. For more information, call (775) 682-5665, email specoll@unr.edu, or visit <http://knowledgecenter.unr.edu/materials/specoll/>.

—Angela Bakker

Reno's Valerie Gallery November 1952



Photo by Gus Bundy

Veteran journalist appointed interim dean of journalism school

William (Bill) Winter, has been named interim dean of the Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism and Advanced Media Studies.

Winter served as executive director, then president, of the American Press Institute in Reston, Va. from 1987 through 2003. He championed the creation of the digitally focused Media Center, and the Reynolds National Center for Business Journalism. Winter has held reporting, editing and management positions at *The Associated Press*, *The Courier-*

Journal & Louisville (Ky.) Times, *Akron Beacon Journal*, and the *Star-News* in Pasadena, Calif. He also has been a journalism instructor at San Antonio College, Central Michigan University and Kent State University.

Winter began his Reynolds School responsibilities July 1, succeeding Jerry Ceppos, who was appointed dean of the Manship School of Mass Communication at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. Winter will remain dean until a national search to hire a permanent dean has been completed.

"It is an honor to have the opportunity to provide leadership for one of the nation's best-regarded schools of journalism and media studies, and particularly to follow in the footsteps of Dean Ceppos, an energetic and effective leader," Winter said. "The students,

faculty and staff of the Reynolds School all are first-rate, and all will be engaged in the effort to ensure that the coming year is one of real accomplishment for the school."

Winter holds bachelor's and master's degrees in journalism from Arkansas State University and Ohio University, respectively. He received a doctoral degree in administration in higher education from Kent State University.

—Zanny Marsh '09MJM



Bill Winter

Photo courtesy of Communications

Ray named interim dean of University Libraries

Kathlin (Kathy) Ray was appointed interim dean of University Libraries and Teaching and Learning Technologies April 1, following the Nevada Board of Regents' appointment of Steven Zink, former vice president of information technology and dean of libraries, as vice chancellor of information technology for the Nevada System of Higher Education.

Ray joined the University in August 2010 as senior director of libraries. She now oversees operations for the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge

Center, DeLaMare, Basque and Savitt Medical libraries.

Before coming to Reno, Ray spent four years as university librarian for the American University of Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates. Ray also served as the associate dean of libraries at the University of the Pacific where she managed an extensive library renovation project including the building of a Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology, New Media lab and an Information Commons. As the chair of Pacific's General Education



Kathlin Ray

Photo by Theresa Dams-Jungles

Committee, Ray worked closely with faculty to integrate information literacy into the curriculum and taught in Pacific's signature Mentor Seminar program.

She has been engaged in building academic libraries in the Middle East and recently completed an Andrew W. Mellon Foundation-funded grant to study student information-seeking behaviors at four American universities in the Middle East and Europe. Ray is a graduate of Brigham Young University, receiving a master of library and information science and a bachelor of science. Her research interests include student information-seeking behaviors, the role of technology in deepening student learning and creating organizational efficiencies.

—Angela Bakker

Former *Seattle Times* editor joins Reynolds School as visiting chair

Veteran news executive Michael Fancher will join the Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism this fall as the Reynolds Visiting Chair in the Ethics of Entrepreneurial and Innovative Journalism.

Fancher, executive editor of *The Seattle Times* for 20 years, has deep experience in the development of new media and the study of ethics. He directed *The Times'* new-media division for more than a decade and was heavily involved with the company's content and business strate-

gies. He is an investor in and informal adviser to Intersect, a Seattle-based social-media startup.

After retiring in 2008, following 30 years at *The Times*, Fancher served as a 2008-2009 fellow at the Reynolds Journalism Institute at the University of Missouri School of Journalism. Fancher served as chairman of the ethics committee of the American Society of News Editors in 2009-10. He was a writing consultant to the Knight Foundation Commission on the Information Needs of Communities in a Democracy and the Aspen Institute Forum on Communications and Society from 2009 to this year. He wrote the paper, "Local News: Re-imagining Journalism for a Networked World," published by the Aspen Institute in June.

Fancher, who will serve for the 2011-12 school year, joins another longtime news

executive in teaching ethics at Nevada.

Caesar Andrews will return for the fall semester as the Paul A. Leonard Distinguished Visiting Chair in Ethics and Writing. Andrews has served as a top editor in newsrooms in Florida, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Washington, D.C., and Michigan. He has also held visiting professorships at Grambling State University and Washington and Lee University.

—Staff reports



Michael Fancher

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Robert Quinn, recipient of the first Judith S. Bible Teaching Excellence in Education Award, is pictured with Judy Bible '65.

Bibles create College of Education award for outstanding educators

The first college graduate in her family, Judy Bible '65 (elementary education) has been a passionate supporter of education throughout her life. Together with her husband, Paul Bible '62 (economics), she has established the Judith S. Bible Teaching Excellence in Education Award to recognize outstanding faculty members in the College of Education.

This new award, the first of its kind in the College of Education, was awarded this year to Robert Quinn, a professor of secondary mathematics education. Quinn's

primary area of interest involves developing and researching creative pedagogical approaches to the teaching of probability and statistics in secondary mathematics.

"Teaching has been my professional passion for 33 years, 13 at the high school level and 20 at the university level," Quinn says. "To have been selected for the Judith S. Bible Teaching Excellence in Education Award from the College of Education, a college known for its outstanding teaching, is an honor that I truly cherish."

Judy's path to the teaching profession began at the University of Nevada, Reno. After graduation, Judy taught fifth- and sixth-graders at Peavine Elementary and Mamie Towles Elementary schools. She met her husband, Paul, and they had two sons: Chad '94 (biology), a geriatric physical therapist, and Patrick, an intellectual property attorney.

Paul served in the U.S. Army with the Judge Advocate General's Corps and is a veteran of the Vietnam conflict. He specializes in gaming law and is a partner at Lewis and Roca in Reno. Paul is a former chairman of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation and the Truckee Meadows Community College Foundation, as well as a member of the Great Basin National Park Foundation Board.

Judy actively volunteers her time and support to various educational and community organizations.

To learn more about supporting the College of Education, please contact Mitch Klaich '02, associate director of development, (775) 784-6914 or mklaich@unr.edu.

—Roseann Keegan

The Mallory Foundation and Stuart Feigin support large-scale structures lab

Stuart Feigin and the Mallory Foundation recently made major gifts to support the expansion of the earthquake engineering laboratory in the College of Engineering. These contributions help meet the college's goal to raise \$3.6 million from private funds to cost-share with the prestigious, faculty-initiated grant awarded by the National Institute of Standards and Technology Construction Grants Program. To date, the college has raised nearly \$540,000 in gifts and pledges.

The University is one of five institutions nationwide to receive this construction support, which is part of a \$50 million initiative to strengthen research in science and technology. The expanded facility will house the largest and most versatile earthquake simulation laboratory in the United States.

"These gifts are tremendously important and greatly appreciated as they enable us to take advantage of the NIST grant and build

a world-class research facility in earthquake engineering here on campus," says Ian Buckle, director, Center for Civil Engineering Earthquake Research.

Feigin, the fifth employee of computer giant Oracle Corp., is the chairman of North-Star Investors and a member of the College of Engineering's Advisory Board. He established the Stuart Feigin Annual Engineering Scholarship in 2002. The Mallory Foundation also has a long history of supporting Nevada, including the Jean Mallory Scholarship; the engineering K-12 outreach program; the Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement Program (MESA); and the Mallory Foundation Scholar Leader Scholarship Endowment to assist exceptional student leaders in the College of Business. Additional support for the project to date comes from Sara '73 (English/journalism) and Leonard Lafrance, Wayne '62 (civil engineering) and



Photo by Theresa Dama-Douglas

Construction crews prepare the site of the new earthquake engineering laboratory at the College of Engineering.

Joan Trewhitt and Reno-based BJG, Inc.

To learn more about supporting the College of Engineering and the earthquake lab expansion, please contact Melanie Perish, director of development, (775) 784-6433 or mperish@unr.edu.

—Roseann Keegan



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NV Energy champions University's renewable energy program

The College of Engineering strives to become a leader in education and research for new, clean technologies and has received significant support from NV Energy. The company recently donated \$250,000 to the University's renewable energy program, the first of two such gifts over the next two years totaling

\$500,000, bringing NV Energy's total support of the program to \$1.25 million.

"NV Energy is proud of the ongoing partnership with the University and the opportunity to provide continuing support to the renewable energy program," says Jeff Ceccarelli '76 (civil engineering), senior vice president of

With the support of community partners like NV Energy, the Renewable Energy Center at the Redfield Campus has become a key player in the state's renewable energy portfolio.

energy supply at NV Energy. "This is consistent with our corporate mission to be a leader in the development of renewable energy within our state, and support the university system in providing research and education around these clean energy technologies."

New knowledge and technology enhance undergraduate and graduate education at Nevada. With this gift, the department will create a faculty position for researching renewable energy and developing new applications for the power grid, along with workforce development efforts, new online courses and support for the University's Renewable Energy Center.

To learn more about supporting the College of Engineering, please contact Melanie Perish, director of development, (775) 784-6433 or mperish@unr.edu.

—Roseann Keegan



John Ben Snow trust helps Reynolds School with ongoing tech updates

The John Ben Snow Memorial Trust recently provided a generous gift to support the Fund for the Future of Journalism, established to keep pace with technology advances long after renovations to the Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism and Advanced

Media Studies building are complete.

To date, the Reynolds School is \$250,000 from its fundraising goal of building a \$1.6 million endowment to support the school as it continues to evolve.

"The Reynolds School clearly is viewed as

The updated building will feature high-tech infrastructure that allows students to quickly share, store and distribute media.

a high performer, and the renovated building with its high-tech infrastructure will help it sustain and even expand upon that well-deserved reputation," says William Winter, Reynolds School dean.

The project began in January with the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation granting almost \$8 million in capital support for renovations and technology infrastructure upgrades. The building is scheduled to reopen in January 2012. Funding for both the current renovations and the Fund for the Future of Journalism is entirely through private donations. No state funds will be allocated.

Improvements include plans to rewire and recable the building, install a robust server system, replace analog TV and radio facilities, and create a multimedia newsroom where students will learn how to write and present information on every platform.

To learn more about supporting the Fund for the Future of Journalism and the Reynolds School of Journalism, contact Kristin Burgarello, director of development, (775) 784-4471 or kburgarello@unr.edu.

—Roseann Keegan



Photo by John Byrne

Wolf Pack gears up for 2011 football season

Coming off the best season in school history, the Wolf Pack football team is gearing up for another exciting campaign in 2011. Nevada will take on a challenging schedule in 2011 that features two games against projected Top 25 teams and five games against future Mountain West Conference foes.

Nevada's tough nonconference schedule includes games at Oregon, Texas Tech and

Pack Track stories by Rhonda Lundin, associate athletics director for communications

Boise State, as well as home games against UNLV and New Mexico. Nevada will defend its Western Athletic Conference crown with four of its seven conference

games at home and will play just three WAC road games. The home slate of WAC games includes Fresno State and Hawaii making trips to Mackay Stadium.

Nevada fans will have the opportunity to see four of their future Mountain West foes in

action in the first four games at home as UNLV, New Mexico, Fresno State and Hawaii will all come to Mackay Stadium. The bye week is also situated well during the first week of November, giving the Pack a week off after eight games and before the final four games of the season.

Nevada is coming off a 13-1 season in 2010 in which the Wolf Pack won the Western Athletic Conference title, beat Boston College in the Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl and finished No. 11 in the nation. The Wolf Pack returns 14 starters from last year's "Dream Team" and is well represented in the preseason magazines, including having 14 players selected to the All-WAC teams by *Phil Steele's College Football Preview*.

Season ticket prices remain the same in 2011 with general admission seats costing \$95 and reserved seating starting at \$125. To purchase tickets, call the Wolf Pack Ticket Office at (775) 348-PACK (7225) or visit www.nevadawolfpack.com.

A preseason All-Western Athletic Conference selection, senior wide receiver Rishard Matthews led the Wolf Pack with 56 catches for 879 yards and five touchdowns last year.

2011 Nevada Football Schedule

Sept. 10	at Oregon
Sept. 17	at San Jose State*
Sept. 24	at Texas Tech
Oct. 1	at Boise State
Oct. 8	UNLV
Oct. 15	New Mexico
Oct. 22	Fresno State*
Oct. 29	at New Mexico State*
Nov. 12	Hawaii*
Nov. 19	Louisiana Tech*
Nov. 26	at Utah State*
Dec. 3	Idaho

** Western Athletic Conference game*

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Soccer's Alyx Sacks '11 (left) and football's Doyle Miller '11 and Adam Liranzo '11 (below) were among the 69 Wolf Pack student-athletes to earn their degrees this year.

historical penalty structure.

"Just as we support our student-athletes to help them achieve success in their field of competition, it remains our equally high priority to help them stay on the path to earn their college degrees," said University President Marc Johnson. "I extend my appreciation and congratulations to our student-athletes and to the coaches, faculty and staff who support them."

Nevada's complete APR report and APR data on all NCAA institutions is available online at www.ncaa.org.

Photos by John Byrne

Nevada teams score high in latest NCAA Academic Progress Rate report

The University of Nevada's athletics teams have turned in their seventh consecutive year of penalty-free academic performance in the latest Academic Progress Rates report released by the NCAA this spring.

Nevada saw five of its teams—men's golf, men's tennis, women's soccer, women's tennis and mixed rifle—turn in perfect 1000 marks for the 2009-10 academic year, meaning that those teams had perfect eligibility and retention of all of their student-athletes.

Nevada's men's golf team turned in a perfect 1000 multi-year APR in the latest numbers and received a public recognition award as part of the 2011 NCAA Division I Academic Performance Program.

In the multi-year APR numbers, which covers the 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 academic years, the Wolf Pack saw four of its teams improve their scores from one year ago, including men's golf, men's tennis, women's basketball and women's cross country, while volleyball remained the same. All but one of Nevada's teams turned in multi-year APR scores above the 925 standard in this year's report. The Wolf Pack men's basketball team had a multi-year score of 919 but received a waiver of any potential academic penalties by the NCAA due to the unique situation of having two underclassmen leave for the NBA Draft following the 2009-10 season.

"Our continued success with our team's APR numbers reflect the importance our student-athletes, coaches and staff as well as the professors and staff on the University of Nevada campus place on academics," Nevada Director of Athletics Cary Groth said. "We are pleased that we are meeting the NCAA standards, but we still have many opportunities to improve. Our goal is to continue to provide our student-athletes with the academic support they need to succeed and ultimately leave the University of Nevada as graduates."

The APR is a real-time "snapshot" of a team's academic success and is used by the NCAA and universities to measure current academic success by looking at the academic progress of each current student-athlete. It includes eligibility, retention and graduation as factors in the rate calculation. Each student-athlete can add two points to the team's overall score per semester, including one for academic eligibility and one for returning to school the next semester or graduating.

The 925 threshold set by the NCAA equals roughly a 60 percent Graduation Success Rate. Teams that score below 925 and have a student-athlete who failed academically and left school can lose scholarships. Teams can lose up to 10 percent of their scholarships each year for poor academic performance under the immediate penalty structure and also face a



Wolf Pack Athletics sees 69 student-athletes graduate in 2010-11

Forty-two Wolf Pack student-athletes representing 13 teams applied for graduation at the University of Nevada this spring and summer. Those 42 graduates joined 27 student-athletes who earned their degrees this winter for a total of 69 members of the Wolf Pack graduating in the 2010-11 academic year.

Including this year's 69 graduates, Nevada has seen 366 of its student-athletes earn their degrees in the past six years.

"I am proud of all of our student-athletes who are leaving the University of Nevada with their degrees," Nevada Director of Athletics Cary Groth said. "Wolf Pack student-athletes are committed to excellence in the classroom and on the field of competition, and we congratulate them and wish them the best as they enter the next phase of their lives."

Mountain West unveils new brand

The Mountain West Conference unveiled the league's new brand direction and conference identity this spring, ushering in a new era in the 13-year history of the Mountain West with a new logo nicknamed "The Rock" and the tagline, "This is our time."

In addition to presenting a new Mountain West logo and theme, Commissioner Craig Thompson outlined the most comprehensive branding effort in the history of the conference. As the basis for this major rebranding initiative, the conference solicited the opinions of more than 8,000 constituents including members of the Mountain West Board of Directors, athletic administrators, coaches, fans and members of the media.

"This initiative is emblematic of the evolution of our league," Thompson said. "The overwhelming majority of the people we spoke to said the Mountain West is bold, feisty and highly competitive, and we strongly believe

these qualities are reflected in our new brand identity and our new logo."

The unique logo itself is a strong symbol of a league on the rise, invoking comparisons to stately campus buildings and the Rock of Gibraltar. It is unlike any other conference mark. Reflecting the expanded membership from the mountains to the ocean and addressing the previous prevalence of mountain imagery and word marks, the letters representing "Mountain" and "West" are given equal weight and dimension.

"The attitude of the Mountain West Conference and the new logo is very bold and dynamic. It fits the Mountain West Conference with the new membership and the direction the conference is moving in," Nevada Director of Athletics Cary Groth said. "I love the new logo. It is clean and succinct. It tells a story of progressiveness, newness, excitement. It's perfect for the Mountain West Conference."



The University of Nevada will join the Mountain West Conference starting in July 2012.

To meet that challenge, Nevada has embarked on its five-year "Moving to the Mountain" campaign that will raise the funds needed to continue to grow and sustain its long-term competitiveness.

For more information or to donate to the Moving to the Mountain campaign, call (775) 784-6900 or visit www.movingtothemountain.com.

Wolf Pack adds two new scholarship endowments

Scholarship endowments honoring long-time University of Nevada supporters Ron Gash and Richard and Winifred Elmore are the most recent gifts that will benefit Wolf Pack student-athletes.

The Ron R. Gash Memorial Scholarship Endowment has been established in honor of the late Ron Gash and will be given to Wolf Pack student-athletes with a preference to students from rural Nevada. Gash maintained lifelong friendships from his childhood in White Pine County, his time at Carson Middle School, Wooster High School and the University of Nevada, as well as from his career traveling the state working for the Nevada Department of Transportation. Sports remained among his many hobbies as he attended local wrestling tournaments, baseball spring training and Wolf Pack basketball and football games.

"Ron R. Gash was an avid fan of the Wolf

Pack. He was a talented long-distance runner and wrestler during Wooster High School's years of athletic dominance in the 1980s. He loved Nevada and the outdoors, especially the Ruby Mountains," Gash's longtime friend Tom Vilorio said.

The Richard and Winifred Elmore Family Scholarship Endowment has been established in honor of the Elmore family's commitment to education. Richard and Winifred have been longtime Wolf Pack supporters and football and basketball season ticket holders.

After the passing of Richard's father, the Elmore family had set up a personal trust to allow all of their children and grandchildren to receive a college education. Upon Richard's passing, the family decided to establish this scholarship endowment to provide educational opportunities to Nevada Wolf Pack men's and women's basketball student-athletes, an extension of the Elmore family's

philosophy towards education.

Nevada student-athletes currently benefit from 35 endowed scholarships. Nevada honors each of the scholarship recipients and gives the donors a chance to meet those student-athletes benefiting from the endowments at Nevada's annual Academic Excellence Brunch in November.

Tekla Martin, Nevada's associate athletics director for development, said, "Scholarship endowments are vital to the future of Wolf Pack athletics scholarships as they allow us to fund those scholarships in perpetuity."

For more information about endowed scholarships or to make a gift, please contact Tekla Martin, (775) 682-6976 or tjmartin@unr.edu.



Photos by John Byrne

Kaepernick, Robinson win Doc Martie and Ruth Russell awards

Football's Colin Kaepernick and basketball's Tahnee Robinson have been named the 2010-11 Doc Martie & Ruth I. Russell Award winners as the University of Nevada's top male and female senior student-athletes.

"I can't think of two more deserving recipients of our athletics department's most prestigious awards than Colin and Tahnee," Director of Athletics Cary Groth said. "Both student-athletes turned in outstanding athletics careers, making their marks in the school record books and bringing national prestige to the University of Nevada. They have excelled in competition, the classroom and the community and are truly great representatives of what student-athletes should be."

The awards were named for J.E. "Doc" Martie, a former Nevada men's basketball coach and administrator, and Ruth I. Russell, a former director of women's athletics. Student-athletes are nominated by their head coaches and must be in their final year of eligibility and in good academic standing. The award winners are chosen in a vote by the athletics department staff.

Colin Kaepernick

A quarterback from Turlock, Calif., Kaepernick turned in arguably the best career by a student-athlete in the 104-year history of the Wolf Pack football program. He helped Nevada to a 13-1 record, a top-15 national ranking, a Western Athletic Conference co-championship and a victory in the Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl in his senior season. He also earned All-American honors from several publications and was named the WAC Co-Offensive Player of the

Year for the second time in his career in 2010 (also in 2008). A three-time All-WAC honoree and two-time WAC All-Academic selection, Kaepernick set numerous school, conference and national records throughout his Nevada career, appearing in the Wolf Pack record book 36 times. He became the first quarterback in NCAA history to rush for more than 4,000 yards and throw for more than 9,000 yards in a career. He is also the only player in NCAA history to rush for 1,000 yards and throw for 2,000 yards in three consecutive seasons and tied Eric Crouch of Nebraska for the national record for touchdowns by a quarterback with 59. He set school career records for conventional scoring, touchdowns (rushing, passing and total) and total offense. Kaepernick earned his degree in management in December of 2010 and was taken in the second round of the 2011 NFL Draft by the San Francisco 49ers.

Wolf Pack football coach Chris Ault said: "Colin is a very gifted and talented young man who always represented our program and University in the highest degree. His career, on and off the field, has been extraordinary to say the least. His leadership, athletic ability and competitive attitude separated him from most. He truly was a champion in all respects and is a very deserving recipient of the Doc Martie Award. We're all very proud of him; he will be a wonderful ambassador for our University and football program."

Tahnee Robinson

A guard from Fort Washakie, Wyo., Robinson became one of the most prolific women's

basketball student-athletes ever to wear the Silver and Blue. She led Nevada to the best season in school history with a 22-11 record and a second-round appearance in the Women's National Invitation Tournament in 2010-11. She spent her senior season ranked in the top 15 in the nation in scoring, ending the year ranked ninth in the NCAA with 22.1 points per game. Robinson was also named one of five finalists for the Sullivan Award, which is annually presented to the nation's top amateur athlete. A two-time first-team All-WAC honoree, she was named a Women's Basketball Coaches Association All-Region 7 selection and ranked in the nation's top 20 for three-pointers per game and three-point percentage in 2011. The 2009-10 WAC Newcomer of the Year, Robinson topped the 1,000-point mark and appears in the Nevada record book 17 times after just two seasons, most notably ranking second in all-time career three-pointers made and three-point percentage. Robinson is on pace to earn her degree in general studies this summer and became the first player in school history to be selected in the WNBA Draft when she was taken by the Phoenix Suns and traded to the Connecticut Sun in the third round this year.

Nevada women's basketball coach Jane Albright said: "Tahnee has been a true ambassador for the University, the city of Reno and Native Americans across the country. She was the team captain and MVP and led us to the best season in the history of our program. Her influence will continue as she begins her professional career, but she will always be a member of our Pack."



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From the President

Dear Nevada Alumni,

It's summertime at the University, and we are busier than ever with Alumni Association activities and preparations for the fall season including Homecoming. We're also coming off one of the most exciting times of the year—Commencement on the Quad!



Julie Rowe '94
President

In May, the Nevada Alumni Association was proud to host more than 90 alumni and guests from the Class of 1961 as they returned to campus for their 50-year Golden Reunion. This wonderful group toured the campus and attended several festivities in honor of this milestone. We also welcomed the new Class of 2011 graduates to our proud alumni family.

This past spring, the Alumni Association once again partnered with the Office for Prospective Students on several recruitment receptions, visiting Sacramento, Las Vegas, Elko and the East Bay. Invitees included students who had applied to Nevada and their families. They were given the opportunity to meet University administration, college deans, as well as many alumni. In 2010, these events resulted in more than 400 new students choosing Nevada, and we're anticipating similar results for fall 2011.

This summer, don't forget to bring family and friends to campus for the ever-popular Pack Picnics on the Quad. These free, family-friendly activities run every Wednesday from July 6 through Aug. 10 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. As always, there will be music, bounce houses, face painting, balloon animals and more!

Following what can easily be described as one of our most amazing seasons ever, Wolf Pack Football is right around the corner! The association's first home pregame party will be held Oct. 8, as Nevada takes on UNLV. We will once again be in Legacy Hall two hours prior to kickoff before every home game.

Also this fall, we'll celebrate Homecoming 2011, Oct. 9-15! Traditional activities include the Homecoming Gala and Awards Dinner, Old Guys Night, various chapter events and the football pregame party.

Finally, I'd like to thank all of our dues-paying members. Your support is critical to the success of the Nevada Alumni Association, the institution and its current students. If you're interested in joining or renewing your membership, please visit our website at www.unr.edu/alumni or call 888. NV ALUMS.

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'60s

Margo (Bartlett) Pesek '63 (journalism) is a columnist for the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. Margo and her husband, Paul, have been married for 43 years. Their two daughters also graduated from Nevada, **Brenda Pesek '93** (criminal justice) and **Stephanie Pesek '97** (animal science).

'70s

David Nicolarsen '70 (geology) has opened a consulting office in Sheridan, Wyo. David consults with the oil and gas industry for permitting, coal/oil/gas mineral evaluation and water discharge compliance.

Mari Kay (Calabria) Bickett '73 (management) has been appointed executive director of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. She previously served as CEO and executive director of the Texas Center for the Judiciary, the primary provider of specialized judicial education and training for trial and appellate judges in Texas. Prior to her work in Texas, she was the academic director for the National Judicial College at the University of Nevada, Reno. Mari Kay holds a law degree from Nevada School of Law at Old College.

N Dr. Michael Patmas '75, (biology), **'77M.S.** (biology), **'81M.D.** has been advanced to Fellowship in the American College of Healthcare Executives. Michael is only the fourth physician executive ever to have earned fellowships in the American College of Physicians (FACP); the American

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Felicia (Record)
O'Carroll '76



Ed Bangs '79M.S.

College of Physician Executives (FACPE) and the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE). He is currently the chief medical officer at Woodland Healthcare, an integrated health care delivery system in Woodland, Calif.

Felicia (Record) O'Carroll '76 (accounting) has been named shareholder in charge of the accounting firm of Kafoury, Armstrong and Company's Reno office. Felicia will oversee

administrative activity, manage shareholder responsibilities and continue her work with the firm's clients. She has been with Kafoury, Armstrong and Company since 1976 and was the first woman in the firm elected to shareholder status. Felicia also serves as president of the Nevada State Board of Accountancy, executive committee member of the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation and treasurer of the Food Bank of Northern Nevada.

William McLeod '78M.A. (school administration) is currently the superintendent of schools for Dillingham City School District in Dillingham, Ala. William has held this position since 2010.

Ed Bangs '79M.S. (natural resources/wildlife management) who worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the Kenai Wildlife Refuge in Alaska from 1975-1988 and has been the wolf recovery coordinator for the

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northern Rocky Mountains for the past 23 years, retired in June. You can learn about the wolf restoration program at <http://western-graywolf.fws.gov>.

'80s

Alan Krause '80M.S. (geological engineering) is transitioning into the position of chief executive officer of MWH Global. Alan is currently the president and chief operating officer of the environment engineering firm, with offices in 36 countries on six continents. Alan joined MWH Global in 1997, when Teramatrix, a firm that he founded, merged with MWH Global.

Ruth (Coudren) Reese '85M.S. (nursing) is working in case management at Mercy San Juan Medical Center in Carmichael, Calif.

Dianne Bellenger '88 (anthropology), '96 (conservation biology) has just had a historical fiction novel, *A Woman's Way*, published by Piraeus Books under the pen name of Sofia Diana Gabel. The novel is about Maria Deraismes, a 19th century French feminist who fought for equality and became the first woman to be initiated into the all-male order of Freemasons.

Gary Grossman '88M.D. has three sons. Gary's oldest two, Dyllen and Brandon, are biology and pre-medicine majors at Nevada.

Patrick Osgood '88 (pre-medical), '92M.D. has opened North Tahoe Orthopedics in Truckee, Calif., after 13 years in practice with Advanced Orthopedics in Reno.

Geoffrey Schumacher '88 (journalism) has been promoted to publisher of the *Ames Tribune* in Ames, Iowa. He also oversees six weekly newspapers in surrounding areas.

Michelle (Groy) Johnson '89 (English), '01M.A. (English) recently accepted an administrative faculty position as the quality improvement officer in the University's Office of Human Research Protections. Michelle currently resides in Sparks with her husband, Michael, and four of their seven children.

'90s

Mark Oglesby '90 (history) is one of three recipients of the 2011 American Civic Education Teacher Awards, recognizing exemplary work preparing young people to become informed and engaged citizens. The awards

Wolfcubs



Natalie (Burke) Ghysels '99 (journalism) and Aaron Ghysels '00 (geography) are excited to announce the birth of their daughter, Grace Mattison Ghysels born May 10, 2010.

Kathleen (Slaboch) Kirkpatrick '00 (journalism) and her

husband, Jay, welcomed Aaron Michael Kirkpatrick to their family in January 2011. Aaron joins his big brother, Jimmy, 5.

Heather Penrod '00 (English literature), '03M.A. (English literature) and Nathan Penrod '05 (computer and information

engineering), '08M.S. (computer science) would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Addeline Alana Penrod, born Sept. 24, 2010.

Seema Donahoe '02 (journalism) with her husband Tim Donahoe '03

(hydrogeology) joyfully welcomed their first child Priya Regina Rose on Dec. 3, 2010.

Kara (Ross) Bailey '04 (health ecology), '11M.S. (health care administration) and Derrick Bailey '03 (psychology) are proud to introduce their twin

daughters, Ashtyn and Brittyn, born April 1, 2010. The girls join their big sister, Cortlyn, 3.

Brooke (Westlake) Kelley '07 (criminal justice) and Scott Kelley '04 (journalism) are happy to announce the birth of their son, Grant Scott, born May 5, 2010.



Mark Oglesby '90



Vince Illia '96

are given annually to elementary and secondary teachers of civics, government and related subjects who have demonstrated exceptional expertise, dynamism and creativity in motivating students to learn about the Constitution, Congress and public policy. ACETA is sponsored by the Center for Civic Education, the Center on Congress at Indiana University and the National Education Association. After earning a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University, Mark has been teaching for 18 years and currently teaches social studies at Howell High School in Howell, Mich.

Hing Chow '91 (mechanical engineering) has been the principal at Monterey Vista Elementary School in Monterey, Calif. since 2003. Hing and his wife, Linda Situ Chow, have two children, Wilson and Heidi.

Julia (Briggs) Burkhardt '94 (natural resources) received the 2010 Governor's Award for Excellence in Agriculture / Environmental Stewardship. Idaho Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter presented the award to Julia and four others for their contributions to Idaho's agriculture. Julia was chosen for the award because she was instrumental in forming a local cooperative weed management area. As a soil and water conservation district supervisor, Julia is overseeing an ambitious riverbank restoration project in her community.

Vince Illia '96 (speech communications) has accepted a position as truck sales manager at Peterbilt of Las Vegas. Vince will be responsible for supervising sales personnel, developing all marketing and advertising campaigns for

the dealership, and managing the inventory and sales of new and used trucks.

Denise Duarte '99 (general studies) has been accepted into the master of fine arts program for community arts at the Maryland Institute College of Art. Denise and her partner will be moving to Baltimore this summer. She will have two public art projects completed this year: *Flourish*, a 12 block urban trail sidewalk enhancement in the city of Las Vegas along the Cultural Corridor and three rapid transit stations for the Regional Transportation Commission in Reno.

'00s

L. Erin Russell '00 (journalism and political science) graduated from UNLV in May with her doctorate in public affairs.



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Nevada Alumni Association What was your best or favorite summer job while you were in college?



Dale Placey '67 (metallurgical engineering), Amherst, N.Y. Buying/selling used cars at a lot just south of Meadowood Mall long before it was there, in 1965–66. Weekend trips to San Francisco, L.A. and Palm Springs to buy cars and then drive them back. Spent nights sitting in the office doing homework and selling a car if someone came on the lot.



Anne-Marie Sharkey '03 (biology), Incline Village. Sand Harbor lifeguard!



Sarah Dickens LeMay '90 (sociology), Boise, Idaho. I worked in a skateboard and T-shirt shop in Lake Tahoe—best summer job ever!



Jonnie Walker '98 (geography), Reno. Racing ... I mean, driving, rental cars for Budget Rent-a-Car at the Reno airport!



Calvin Ginyard '00 (political science), Lauderhill, Fla. Working for Pepsi, doing sampling.



Vicki Duncan Pillers '92 (mathematics), Sparks. Lab “grunt” in the environmental engineering department and getting to work in the field along with a lunchtime swim in the Truckee.



Jen Komaromi '95 (anthropology), San Pablo, Calif. Worked as an archaeologist for Tahoe National Forest—it was actually the head archeologist there that told me to transfer to UNR!



Pete Anderson '86 (chemical engineering), Reno. Tending bar at the dearly departed Beer Barrel. Most wonderful job ever.



Steve Martarano '79 (journalism), Sacramento. Working for buildings and grounds at UNR the summers of '77 and '78 ranked right up there. I had several areas I was in charge of, including Manzanita Bowl. The campus was a lot smaller then. It didn't pay much, just over three bucks an hour, but it was very cool.



Don Morrissey '78 (premedical), Salt Lake City. Harrah's Reno had a great deal for UNR students. Work Fri, Sat, Sun during the school year and work five days during the summer, playing 21 or blackjack and getting paid to “gamble.” Tips were good and they had LOTS of 21 tables in those days ... I did it from 1979–80.



Stacy Hosking '89 (veterinary science), Reno. Summer job at the S-Bar-S Ranch out in Wadsworth, Nev. Free rent and grub, and we could take our paychecks to town Fernley, for some fun. Also gave me some much needed experience working on large animals to help me get into veterinary school!



Bill Chaffin '66 (political science), Carmichael, Calif. Pricing women's underwear at the Sears warehouse.



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Michael Matthews
'03M.S.



Julie Terrell '04

Mary Allen '00 (management) is living in Carson City. Mary works for the state of Nevada in the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy.

Aaron Fricke '02 (logistics management) has joined Brownstein Hyatt Farber as an associate in the litigation group. Most recently, Aaron was an associate at Maupin, Cox and LeGoy in Reno. He received his law degree

from the University of Notre Dame Law School. Aaron is a member of the American Bar Association, and he served in the U.S. Navy from 1994-96.

Michael Matthews '03M.S. (secondary education) recently received the University of Nebraska at Omaha Outstanding Teaching Award, which honors distinguished teaching in the classroom. Michael is an assistant pro-

fessor in the Department of Math, College of Arts and Sciences. He is involved with several initiatives targeting the content knowledge and pedagogy skills of Nebraska teachers. Michael holds a master's of science and a doctorate in mathematics from the University of Iowa.

Julie Terrell '04 (animal science) has joined the accounting team at the Bosma Group, P.C.



Kickin' it with K-von | Schehera-DAD

As kids, my younger brother and I asked far too many questions, and our parents' methods of dealing

with this differed. My mother would encourage us to conduct our own research, an academic approach that required effort on our part. While factual, it deterred us from bugging our mom, which was perhaps the desired effect.

My father, on the other hand, would never admit to not knowing an answer. Unbeknownst to us, he would simply just make something up. This led us to believe Dad was a wealth of information on just about any subject.

"Dad, why is the sky blue?"

"Because God painted it with a giant brush."

"Why do boys and girls have different parts?"

"Girls used to have one, but when they put on a dress it fell off." The horror! My brother and I vowed to never try on Mom's clothes; the risk was just too great.

Similarly, when it was time for bed, our mother would give us good reason to get our rest, yet we would defiantly refuse ... and that is when Dad would come in the room. "If you don't want to sleep, you don't have to ... just close your eyes very tight so the sleep can't get in."

Now that sounded like a fine idea. Most nights we were treated to a bedtime story. We were all in the same configuration: my brother and I in our bunks and my dad lying on the floor looking at the ceiling, as he spun crafty tales in the darkened room.

Always a new story, always fascinating, and always ending just too soon, leaving us wanting more ... like a real-life Scheherazade, the wily Persian storyteller from "One Thousand and One Nights" who kept herself alive by basically inventing the cliffhanger ... but better. He was our very own Schehera-DAD!

His stories were bold, exciting, full of plot twists. Some tales were scary and mysterious, while others were educational, teaching us the pitfalls of human ego and greed. I came to believe I had the coolest dad in the whole world. In comparison with my school friends, I found that, while their fathers may have read a story to them here and there, my dad was the only one to actually make one up each and every night, reciting it with no text to draw from. Can you imagine the creativity and ingenuity that took? And, they were good stories.

One of my friends wasn't so sure. As I retold one of Dad's masterpieces about an ex-Green Beret who fought his way through the jungles of Vietnam armed only with bow and arrow and a large hunting knife, my friend interrupted ... "That's Rambo."

Indeed it was, but how did this young man know my father's fierce tale of the great John Rambo?! "Because it's a movie, you idiot," was his reply. I was astonished.

Had my father been so humble that he sold a number of his tales to Hollywood to be made into blockbuster movies? This was unbelievable. We were always so poor; what was he doing with the money? Boy, was Mom going to be mad when she discovered this new tidbit of information.

It was not long after the Rambo discussion with my friend, that I put it all together, had an aha! moment, and realized that my dad was no Scheherazade, and these were not his stories at all. In fact, this was why he had such strict rules about not letting us watch any R-rated movies. It had nothing to do with the questionable content. His censorship was in place so he could continue watching the movies himself and retelling them to his mesmerized audience of two.

Although the jig was up—as it had already been for the Tooth Fairy and Santa—even as a kid you know that sometimes it's best to feign ignorance, keep your mouth shut and continue to be on the receiving end. That night, I let Dad tell us his newest story and enjoyed it as always, without objection. "Goodnight boys, and if you behave, tomorrow I'll tell you the story of RoboCop."

"Sounds good, Dad. Can't wait!" Then with a smile, I rolled over and closed my eyes tight so the sleep couldn't get in.

K-von '03 (marketing) is a Nevada alum and comedian. Currently you can see his videos and tour schedule on www.K-vonComedy.com and Facebook.



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FRONT: Matthew Polasko, Tsvetan Komarov. MIDDLE: Katherine Taylor, Amber Burroughs, Kerry Csiga, Jennifer Kielhofer, Margaret Doolittle. BACK: Bob Felten, Reynolds School of Journalism; Sergiu Dascalu, College of Engineering; Evan Raps; Amy Fitch, Division of Health Sciences; William Sparkman, College of Education; Elena Pravosudova, College of Science; Kenneth Hunter, College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources; Geoffrey Smith, College of Liberal Arts; Henry Amato, College of Business.

Senior Scholars

The University of Nevada, Reno and the Alumni Association recognized eight outstanding graduates with one of the most prestigious awards given by the University, the Senior Scholar distinction, on May 12. The top graduating student and his or her faculty mentor from each school and college were honored at an awards ceremony in the Joe Crowley Student Union.

College of Education

Amber Burroughs - GPA 3.98
Mentor: William Sparkman

Reynolds School of Journalism

Katherine Taylor - GPA 3.952
Mentor: Bob Felten

College of Science

Kerry Csiga - GPA 4.00
Mentor: Elena Pravosudova

College of Engineering

Tsvetan Komarov - GPA 4.00
Mentor: Sergiu Dascalu

Division of Health Sciences

Evan Raps - GPA 3.977
Mentor: Amy Fitch

College of Business

Margaret Doolittle - GPA 3.964
Mentor: Henry Amato

College of Liberal Arts

Jennifer Kielhofer - GPA 4.00
Mentor: Geoffrey Smith

College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources

Matthew Polasko - GPA 4.00
Mentor: Kenneth Hunter



Justin Thomsen '05



Scott Carey '07

As a staff accountant, Julie's responsibilities include research, preparing tax returns and financial statements, and supporting the staff.

Justin Thomsen '05 (accounting/information systems), a senior associate with Muckel Anderson CPAs, a full-service tax, audit and financial services firm based in Reno, recently earned his Certified Public Accountant (CPA) certification. Justin joined the firm in 2005. He specializes in preparing individual and corporate tax returns, compilations, and compliance and financial audits for gaming properties. He also assists with the firm's IT and web services. Justin also holds certification as a Certified Information Technology Professional, (CITP). Justin currently serves as vice president of development for the College of Business Alumni Board, is a member of

Nevada Bighorns Unlimited and volunteers with the Reno Rodeo Association.

Scott Kagele '06 (management) graduated from Carrington College with his associate of science in nursing and has accepted a position at Salt Lake Regional Medical Center as a telemetry nurse. His wife, **Dominique (Olivares) Kagele '04** (biology), '07 (biochemistry), '10Ph.D. (cellular and molecular biology) has accepted a position as a post-doctoral scholar at the University of Utah School of Medicine. They welcomed the birth of their daughter, Savannah, on June 25, 2010.

Timothy Mullin '06 (journalism/political science) was recently promoted to executive director at Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, a Las Vegas nonprofit organization that

helps homeless teens. During Tim's tenure, he has raised more than \$1 million for the partnership, expanded services to youth by 25 percent, opened a new drop-in center for transitional youth clients, and launched an emergency shelter and intermediate independent living program. Tim co-founded the Young Nonprofit Professionals Network of Southern Nevada and serves as the chairman of the Community Development Block Grant Program Advisory Board for Henderson, Nev. Tim is a recent graduate of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Las Vegas program.

Scott Carey '07 (geography) has been awarded the 2011 Excellence in Tourism Award from the Nevada Commission on Tourism for his work attracting tourism to Pyramid



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Jenna Hubert '11

Lake and Nevada's Indian Territory. Scott has served as the tribal planner for the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe since 2009 and oversees both the economic development and planning departments of the tribe.

Alexis Thayer '07 (accounting), '08MACC (master of accountancy), an associate with Muckel Anderson CPAs, a full-service tax, audit and financial services firm based in Reno, recently earned her Certified Public Accountant (CPA) certification. Alexis provides audit services for both private and nonprofit organizations, in addition to performing individual and corporate tax returns. She joined Muckel Anderson in 2009.

Alex Bybee '08 (accounting), a senior associate with Muckel Anderson CPAs, a full-service tax, audit and financial services firm based in Reno, recently earned his Certified Public Accountant (CPA) certification. Alex

specializes in tax, internal auditing, reviews and compilations for individuals and private companies in various industries. He also performs compliance for gaming properties. He joined the firm in 2006. Alex is active in the community volunteering with the Reno Rodeo Association.

'10s

Jenna Hubert '11 (journalism) has been hired by KPS3 Marketing as a junior graphic designer for the full-service marketing communications agency. Jenna will support the creative team in producing traditional and digital marketing material for the brands KPS3 manages.

**Submissions are due
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submissions for style, clarity and length.**

Wolf mates



Misty Shore '05 (accounting/information systems) married Arlo Schenk '08 (nursing) June 25, 2010 at the Silver Saddle Ranch in Carson City.

Music alumni amplify inspiration

Hosted by the University, the annual Reno Jazz Festival welcomes some of the best jazz students, musicians and educators in the country and draws hundreds of school bands to perform at this popular event. The 49th annual festival was held April 7-9 on the University campus, and this year three alumni, Brian Landrus '02 (applied music), Sam Minaie '06 (applied music) and Warren Walker '04 (applied music), '04 (marketing), returned to their roots to serve as adjudicators/clinicians and give back—to an event and to the University they say influenced, motivated and prepared them for career success.

Landrus, a woodwind specialist, currently lives in Brooklyn, N.Y., working as a freelance musician, composer, producer and educator, and has recently started his own record label, BlueLand Records. Walker, a Grass Valley, Calif., native, now lives in Paris and is the leader and saxophonist for The Kandinsky Effect, a progressive jazz trio. Minaie is an electric and upright bass expert, who has toured extensively around the world.

"I'll never forget the moment of being in Lawlor Events Center and feeling the communal passion for jazz," Landrus says, remembering his days at Nevada.



Sam Minaie '06

"This was right around the time when I knew I'd be dedicating my life to music."

Landrus plays baritone saxophone, bass saxophone, bass clarinet, bass flute and alto flute. "The entire faculty helped by teaching me all the fundamentals, yet still allowing me to pursue my own voice," he adds. "I can't imagine a better setting to learn and grow."

Landrus praises professors Ed Corey, David Ake, Larry Engstrom, Peter Epstein, Hans Halt '99 (applied music), '01M.M. (music), Andy Heglund and Leonard Neidhold for his early success and motivation.

These faculty members currently make up the Program in Jazz and Improvisational Music in the music department. They lead by example through their work

as researchers, writers, composers and performers. Many perform together in the faculty group, The Collective, and have formed many trios and other small groups using a variety of instrument combinations. In addition to producing several CDs featuring original music, some have published books. Their productivity is an inspiration to the students in the program.

Walker says: "The faculty at Nevada are incredible. They helped me find my own voice on my instrument and in my work as a composer."

Walker is considered a rising star in the European jazz scene. In addition to The Kandinsky Effect, he performs with a duo called Duplex, and a quartet called Dirty Elegance.

Minaie, who has taught at other universities since graduating from Nevada, says his experiences at Nevada were invaluable and essential to his musical development:

"The jazz program and faculty at the University of Nevada, Reno are extremely well rounded. They are open to new ideas, yet tied into the tradition."

With an eye toward the future, jazz faculty member and director of the Reno Jazz Festival Larry Engstrom looks forward to continuing the program's successes.

"I am really proud of the work of our faculty and the success of our students," Engstrom says. "It is an honor to have worked with so many talented students."

—Nonie Wainwright '08

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Chapter Updates



LEFT: Colin Kaepernick '10 meets with pint-sized Pack fans during the Wolf Pack Ring Ceremony March 27 at the Eldorado Hotel Casino in Reno. TOP: Governor Brian Sandoval '86, Mayor Bob Cashell '76, Kathy (Baker) Ault '69 and Wolf Pack Head Football Coach Chris Ault '69, '73M.Ed. attend the Wolf Pack Ring Ceremony March 27 at the Eldorado Hotel Casino in Reno. TOP RIGHT: Michon Wynn '11 enjoys the Black Graduates Celebration with her mom, Carlis Lloyd, and her sister, Melanie Wynn. BOTTOM: Proud alumni attend the Second Annual Black Graduates Celebration May 13 in the Wells Fargo Auditorium at the Knowledge Center.

Alumni Football Chapter

Jim Farley '99, jfarley47@verizon.net

The Alumni Football Chapter, with the gracious support of the Eldorado Hotel Casino, hosted the inaugural Ring Ceremony March 27 in honor of the 2010 Wolf Pack football team. This event brought 750 fans and community leaders together to celebrate the record-breaking achievements of the historic team and provided an opportunity for the players to sign autographs for those in attendance. More importantly, the event raised more than \$10,000 for the chapter, which will fund summer classes for Wolf Pack student-athletes, furthering the goal of attaining the highest graduation rate of any collegiate football team in the country. Football alumni interested in renewing membership, attending an upcoming event or just contacting old teammates should visit our new social website at <http://nevadaalumnifootball.com> or contact the chapter president, Jim Farley, at jfarley47@verizon.net. Go Wolf Pack!

Black Alumni Chapter

Jody Lykes, jlykes@unr.edu

The Second Annual Black Graduates Celebration took place May 13 in the Wells Fargo Auditorium at the Knowledge Center. A mix of 19 undergraduate and graduate students were recognized. A reception hosted by the Center for Student Cultural Diversity followed with food and fun, as families, friends, staff and faculty came together to celebrate the students' achievements. All of the graduates will be given the opportunity to become a sponsored member of the alumni chapter. New programs coming up next year include a family weekend and community service with Big Brothers Big Sisters. For more information on the Black Alumni Chapter, please contact Jody Lykes at (775) 682-8998 or jlykes@unr.edu.

Center for Student Cultural Diversity Alumni Chapter

Ellen Houston '95, '05M.A., thecenter@unr.edu

Center alumni were back on campus in full force for Intercultural Month. Many returned for reunion events coinciding with the Multicultural Greek Council's annual Stompin' with the Pack Step Show and others came out to help at the annual University Powwow.

The Center Alumni Chapter also proudly participated in the Second Annual Black Graduates Celebration May 13. More than 150 people attended the formal ceremony and reception. The graduates were honored with Kente cloth stoles and welcomed to the ranks of Wolf Pack alumni.

Did you use the center during your time at Nevada? If so, please contact Ellen Houston at (775) 784-4936 or thecenter@unr.edu so we can update your address and keep you up to date on our chapter events. We are currently hard at work planning a fall event in conjunction with the Nevada vs. UNLV football game.

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COBAA Alumni Chapter

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The College of Business Alumni Association held the 20th Annual COBAA Golf Tournament at Wolf Run Golf Club May 12. Major sponsors included Wells Fargo; Sierra Nevada Corporation; Muckel Anderson, CPAs; and Ameriprise; Bickford Angier & Associates. The Dickson Realty/ Jeff Rife & Associates team of Harvey and Tom Fennell and Jeff and Ryan

Rife took first place with a score of 60. Second place went to NAI Alliance and third place to First Independent Bank of Nevada. Nearly \$10,000 was raised for scholarships, student career activities and improvements to the college. The date for the 21st Annual COBAA Golf Tournament has been set for May 10, 2012 at Wolf Run. For more information, contact Jane Bessette, director of career connections and alumni relations, (775) 682-9144 or bessette@unr.edu. COBAA is co-sponsoring the Nevada Alumni Association's Pack Picnic on the Quad July 27. Come out and join us!

Fallon Alumni Chapter

Tina (Luke) Dakin '71/'84M.Ed, jtdakin@sbcglobal.net

The Fallon Alumni Chapter scholarship committee chose two deserving high school graduates to each receive a \$2,000 scholarship to attend Nevada in the fall. Chapter past president Roger Diedrichsen '71 and treasurer Valerie Lear '09 presented the scholarships.

Mark your calendar for Brews and Brats Aug. 28! This event promises to be something different and a fun way to end the summer in Fallon. For more information, text Jim Dakin at (775) 233-9034 or email fallonunralumni@yahoo.com.

Plans are in progress for a fall football rooter bus. Details are still in the works. For additional information regarding the rooter bus or other upcoming events, visit us on Facebook — University of Nevada Alumni Association Fallon Chapter.

Greek Alumni Chapter

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The Greek Alumni Chapter is excited to report that we added 60 Greek alumni to our roster in the past year. Were you in a fraternity



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TOP LEFT: Charise Foster, the reigning Miss Indian UNR, attends the annual University Powwow. TOP RIGHT: Alumni pose with Dr. David White (center) during the University of Nevada Pre-Dental Society's Acceptance Dinner on May 15 at La Vecchia Ristorante in Reno, Alyson Felesina '11, Mat Stewart '11, Jane Ince '10, Abigail Lupena '09, David White, Jesse Mitchem '11, Kevin Gales '11 and Ameen Shahnam '11. LEFT: Ryan Rife, Tom Fennell, Jeff Rife and Harvey Fennell celebrate a first place win at the COBAA golf tournament May 12 at Wolf Run Golf Club. MIDDLE: Members of the Wolf Pack women's golf team—Jamie Yam, Ana de la Maza and Alex Borcherts—pose with honors student Nick Tscheekar during the Honors Alumni Chapter's inaugural "Golfing to Give" benefit April 22. RIGHT: Eppie Johnson '51 was honored by Bill Chaffin '66 during the Sacramento Alumni Chapter's 15th Anniversary Celebration at the Zinfandel Grille in Sacramento.

or sorority at Nevada? We'd love to see you join your fellow Greeks and discover what the Greek Alumni Chapter has in store this year. Our chapter fosters friendship, business networking and connection to our University. If you'd like to join us, find us on Facebook or at NevadaGreekAlumni.com. Go Greek ... again!

Honors Alumni Chapter

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The Honors Alumni Chapter's inaugural "Golfing to Give" benefit was an exciting fundraising event to raise money for student service projects. With the help of honors alumni and the Honors Student Service Council, \$1,700 was raised in donated items from the community, and \$1,400 was raised for honors student scholarships. Honors alumni hope to continue this event and other initiatives that promote and support civic engagement and service learning at Nevada. Please contact Alex Ellison, AmeriCorps VISTA, (775) 784-1455, for more information about the many new service-learning initiatives headed by the Honors Program. Find out how you can get involved!

Nevada Dental Alumni Chapter

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The Nevada Dental Alumni Chapter attended the University of Nevada Pre-Dental Society's Acceptance Dinner May 15. The annual event is a celebration for the families of students who have been accepted into dental school. From this year's class, more than 10 students will matriculate to programs throughout the country. It was an honor to welcome these new students to our profession. For more

information on the Nevada Dental Alumni Chapter, please contact Dr. David White at davidmwhitedds@yahoo.com.

Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association

Jan (Pritchard) Brady '63, lvcrrswrds@aol.com

OSNAA membership continues to grow, and we look forward to seeing new graduates at our next event—Sept. 28 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the foyer of the new William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building. This is a chance for our members to celebrate the completion of a state-of-the-art facility where medical school and nursing students will study together.

If you are an Orvis alumnus and have not yet joined, we hope you will consider membership in our chapter. It's amazing how much nurses have in common, whether they are just starting out or getting ready to retire. Membership provides opportunities to stay in touch with fellow graduates, form new relationships and network with other area nurses. Your membership also helps support our OSNAA scholarship, given each year to a senior nursing student. To join, visit www.unr.edu/alumni/connect and select "Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association."

Sacramento Alumni Chapter

Steve Park '99, spark@ccareynkf.com

The Sacramento Alumni Chapter recently celebrated its 15th anniversary at the Zinfandel Grille in Sacramento in celebration, Bill Chaffin '66 presented chapter founder, Eppie Johnson '51, with an

etched crystal trophy for his time and dedication. We also welcomed a new chapter member—Jordan Traverso '99, who is deputy director of communications, education and outreach for the California Department of Fish and Game. Jordan is symbolic of our growth and "youth" movement.

On the horizon: A bus trip to San Francisco to support former Pack QB Colin Kaepernick '10, in his debut as a 49er; hosting viewing parties for the Pack's away football games in September and a Homecoming convoy in October.

The chapter meets on the second Tuesday of each month at noon for lunch. For information, contact chapter president, Steve Park, at (916) 367-6345 or spark@ccareynkf.com.

University of Nevada School of Medicine Alumni Chapter

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On May 13, more than 60 attendees celebrated the graduation of the Class of 2011, as well as the anniversaries of previous graduating classes, during the annual Alumni Reception. The Outstanding Alumnus award was given to retired Brig. Gen. David Young III, M.D., Class of 1975. The first Dr. George Smith Memorial Scholarship, which honors our nontraditional medical students, was presented to incoming fourth-year student Kristin Sohn by Dr. Joan Brookhyser '75AAMD. The chapter recently supported the UNSOM Alumni Association scholarship, student travel costs for medical missions, and a \$25,000 contribution to the new William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building on the University campus. As always, we encourage all alumni of the School of Medicine to consider volunteering and donating to our association.



2011 Spring Commencement

The University of Nevada, Reno's Spring Commencement conferred 2,012 degrees and certificates, the largest number of graduates in the University's history. There were two ceremonies, one for advanced-degree recipients on Friday, May 13 and one for bachelor-degree recipients on Saturday, May 14. Both ceremonies were held on the historic Quadrangle, located on the southern part of campus. During the University's 121st Commencement, 1,495 bachelor degrees and 517 advanced-degree certificates (master's and doctoral degrees and education specialist certificates) were awarded.

(1) Sally Pope and Nicole Daroza.

(2) Josh Halen and Vivian Lung.

(3) Assistant professor of journalism Bob Felten, Anna Dichev, assistant professor of journalism Todd Felts and Jamie Ellison.

(4) David Nyquit and Janic Havard.

(5) Kaitlin Fletcher, Crystal Bacher and Alicia Herrera.

(6) Zach Reynolds, Nick Daman Prina and Bear Hollis.

(7) Sandra Hernandez, Jayme Velasco, Genesis Navarrete and Veronica Acuna.

(8) Associate professor of managerial sciences Jim Sundali;

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Dianna Perazo and professor of economics Mark Pingle.

(9) Ai Ly, Sandy Lee, graduate Calvin Fung and Felix La.

(10) Nathan Serdenia, Jeffery Valoria and Ross Driscoll.

(11) Carla Locuson, Chuck Locuson, Shanon Murphy, Hillary Murphy (graduate), Andrea Locuson, Matthew Locuson and Sheri Sharp.

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Herz Gold Medalist

Lauren VanCitters (with President Marc Johnson) received the 2011 Herz Gold Medal, presented at each Commencement ceremony to the graduating senior with the highest GPA. VanCitters earned her bachelor of science in biology with a perfect 4.0 GPA.





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Golden Reunion '61

Alumni and guests attended the Class of 1961 Golden Reunion May 13-14. Friday events included a campus tour, dinner and pinning ceremony. Class members led Saturday's undergraduate Commencement processional onto the Quad. Good times were had—and recounted—by all.

(1) Ted '61 and Susan Schroeder '61 with the rest of the Class of 1961 prepare to lead the Commencement processional.

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MacLean Observatory Opening

More than 100 friends of the University joined the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation to commemorate the grand opening of the MacLean Observatory, May 21. Contributions from the MacLean family and the Jack Van Sickle Foundation were instrumental in bringing this new astronomy complex at the Redfield campus to completion.

(1) Jerry Smith from the Nell J. Redfield Foundation, President Marc Johnson, President Emeritus John Lilley and Sharon Smith.

(2) Attendees at the opening of the MacLean Observatory wait to look through the telescope.

(3) Hawley MacLean '89 with his wife Daphne MacLean and two sons, Will and Harris.

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Alumni Night at Aces Ballpark

Alumni Night with the Reno Aces was a great success! More than 300 alumni, new grads and families came out to the ballpark April 29.

(1) Spring 2011 nursing graduates: (front row) Emily Proud '11, Sophia Mesfin '11 and Marcus Kutara '11; (back row) Marco Brito '11, Haley Mcneil '11, Douglas Yao '11 and Lara Morales '11.

(2) Jack '69 and Cheri Byrom '11.

(3) Sam Kuhlman '05, Marissa Gioglio '04, '06MBA and John Vanhooose '03.



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Alumni Recruitment Events

The 2011 Student Recruitment Receptions cosponsored by the Nevada Alumni Association and the Office for Prospective Students wrapped up in northeastern Nevada and Henderson this spring. More than 325 students, family members and alumni learned about the Nevada experience and academic opportunities.

(1) Regent Kevin Melcher '79, '81M.S. talks with prospective student Catherine Morgan and her father, Ken, at the northeastern Nevada recruitment event in Elko.

(2) Scott Voeller '83 speaks to more than 250 prospective students and families in Henderson.

(3) Admissions and recruitment coordinator, Quentin Owens, works with Susan, Julie (prospective student) and Allen Stefka in Elko.

(4) University student ambassador and current student Nicole Romo (pre-nursing) answers questions for the Smith family during the Henderson reception.



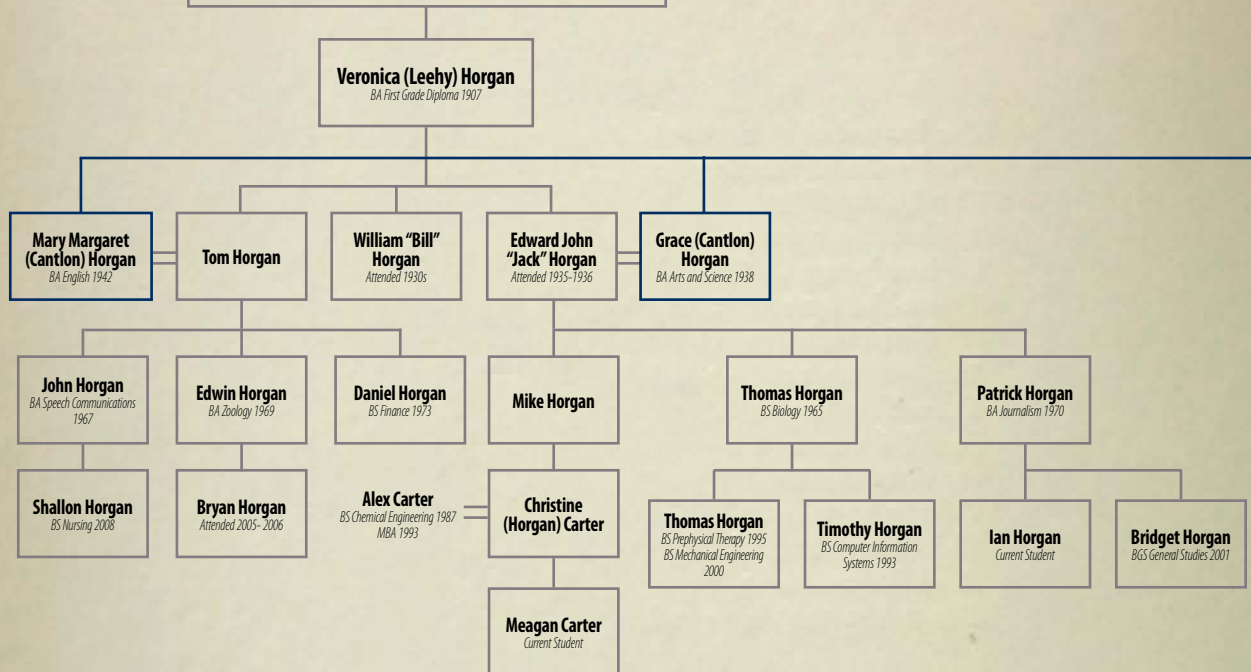
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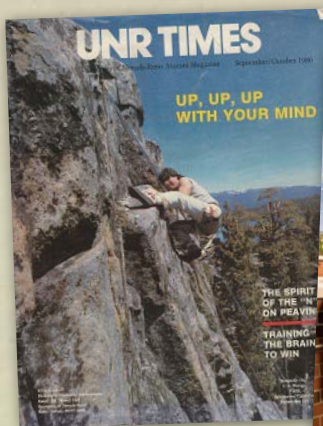
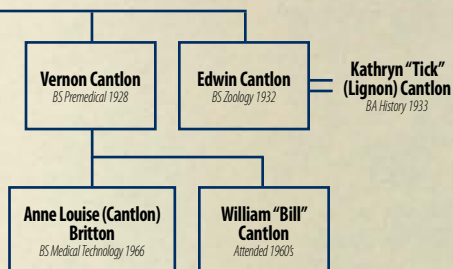


Horgan/Cantlon Family Tree



Tom and Mary, Bill, Grace, Vernon,
Edwin, Veronica, Jack and Bridget.





ABOVE: Alex Carter on the cover of UNR Times in 1986 and his daughter, Meagan Carter, on the Fall 2009 cover of Nevada Silver & Blue. LEFT: Veronica (Leehy) Horgan with sons Bill, Jack and Tom, 1914. Jack Horgan, circa 1936.

When two brothers married two sisters, it made for one amazing Nevada story.

The University of Nevada has been a big part of this issue's featured family. At one point, Veronica (Leehy) Horgan was the oldest living graduate of Nevada, and was featured in *Nevada Silver & Blue* back in the day when it was still called *UNR Times*. Edwin Cantlon was the student body treasurer his junior year. Grace Cantlon was a member of Phi Beta Phi and she lettered for the rifle team. But of all the fond memories, perhaps the most distinctive one is the fact that two brothers—Thomas and Jack Horgan—married sisters Grace and Mary Margaret Cantlon, forever connecting their families ... and building one of Nevada's most unique family trees.

How many University of Nevada, Reno alumni make up your family tree? Let us know, and you could all be featured in the next issue of *Nevada Silver & Blue*. For details, visit www.unr.edu/alumni or call 888.NV ALUMS.

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Remembering Friends



William N. Pennington '08HDG (humane letters)
May 15, 2011—Reno, Nev.

A gaming industry pioneer, entrepreneur and one of the University's leading philanthropists, William Pennington helped build Circus Circus into a gaming and entertainment powerhouse in Nevada. Together with his business partner, William Bennett, they expanded their gaming enterprises in the 1970s to include the Excalibur, Luxor and Mandalay Bay resorts in Las Vegas. He gave millions of dollars through the William N. Pennington Foundation in support of education, medicine and other charities, including construction of the Pennington Medical Education Building and the new William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building on the Reno campus. A native of Lebanon, Kan., Pennington and his family moved to Piedmont, Calif., in 1934, where he attended high school and later the University of California, Berkeley. He became a bomber pilot during World War II, thus spawning a lifelong interest in aviation. He moved to Reno in 1962, eventually starting a company that designed and built electronic gaming devices—the first of its kind in the world. Pennington was honored in 1997 as a Distinguished Nevadan and with an honorary degree in 2008.



James Taranik

June 21, 2011—Reno, Nev.

James Taranik served 29 years in the Nevada System of Higher Education as president of the Desert Research Institute, dean of the Mackay School of Mines and director of the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering. In 1982, he became the dean of the Mackay School of Mines. Taranik's vision helped shape the school, and before leaving to accept the position of president of DRI in 1987, Taranik helped raise \$28 million for the school, which paid for the Laxalt Mineral Research Building and retrofitting of the historic Mackay School of Mines Building to make it earthquake resistant. After 11 years at DRI, he returned to the University as a Regents Professor and Arthur Brant Chair of Geophysics. Prior to coming to Nevada, he served as NASA's chief mission scientist on Space Shuttle Columbia's second flight.



Dr. John N. Chappel



Edward J. "Jack" Horgan



Fritz J. (Neddenriep) Huntington '43



Arthur 'Chelton' C. Leonard '63



Jack T. Reviglio



Lacey R. Siebert '08

FACULTY

Dr. John N. Chappel,

professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences, emeritus
March 9, 2011—Reno, Nev.

James M. Hoyt, professor of business administration, emeritus
May 1, 2011—Reno, Nev.

ALUMNI

Edward J. "Jack" Horgan

(attended two years in 1930s)
March 12, 2011—Reno, Nev.

Yvonne A. (Siard) Hager '37

(secondary education)
Feb. 25, 2011—Bellevue, Wash.

Alice M. (Wade) Marean '41

(home economics)
April 11, 2011—Clovis, Calif.

Hilma L. (Wikstrom) Lyon

'41A.A. (elementary education certificate), **'74** (elementary education), **'78M.A.** (counseling and guidance)
March 13, 2011—Reno, Nev.

Fritzi J. (Neddenriep) Huntington '43

March 10, 2011—Glenbrook, Nev.

Charlotte (Mason) Wilcox '43

(journalism)
April 3, 2011—Reno, Nev.

Kathryn W. (Kelly) Duffin '45

(business education)
March 21, 2011—Las Vegas, Nev.

Douglas H. Trail '48 (agriculture)

April 16, 2011—Boise, Idaho

Genevieve M. (Swick) Paroni '48 (chemistry)

April 24, 2011—Post Falls, Idaho

George E. Yori '48 (agriculture)

May 21, 2011—Fernley, Nev.

Ida M. (Kellough) Gildone '48

(sociology)
March 30, 2011—Reno, Nev.

Donald A. Damkroger '49

(mining engineering)
May 3, 2011—Havertown, PA

James R. Barkley '49

(mining engineering)
April 3, 2011—Reno, Nev.

Walter B. Johnson '50

(metallurgical engineering)
May 26, 2011—Decatur, GA

William H. Zenklusen '50

(mechanical engineering)
April 25, 2011—San Lorenzo, Calif.

Robert A. Winkel '54

(business administration)
April 14, 2011—Reno, Nev.

Michael Pintar '55 (general science),

'68M.Ed. (school administration)
March 6, 2011—Carson City, Nev.

Marion (Paine) Reeves

'57 (elementary education)
May 24, 2011—Bedford, Texas

Vernon G. Pursel '58

(animal science)
May 27, 2011—Highland, Md.

Arthur 'Chelton' C. Leonard '63

(economics)
April 5, 2011—Carson City, Nev.

Barbara G. Koelsch '64

(elementary education)
Feb. 25, 2011—Boise, Idaho

Jwood Raw '65 (school

administration)
March 3, 2011—Reno, Nev.

Mark K. Boscovich

'70A.A. (electronic tech)
April 15, 2011—Sun Valley, Nev.

James D. Christman '71

(physical education)
March 18, 2011—Sparks, Nev.

Joseph E. McAbee '72

(elementary education)
May 24, 2011—Reno, Nev.

Opal N. Trent '73 (English)

March 22, 2011—Reno, Nev.

Bertha (Holt) Shipley '76M.Ed.

(educational administration/
higher education)
May 26, 2011—Sparks, Nev.

George J. Pasco '76A.A.

(electronic tech)
March 31, 2011—Sparks, Nev.

Estela Delgado '79 (social

services corrections)
April 28, 2011—Reno, Nev.

Lynette S. Winn '81M.S. (nursing)

March 14, 2011—Sparks, Nev.

Jack T. Reviglio (Honorary

Alumnus of the Year 1982)
April 23, 2011—Sparks, Nev.

Jean R. Sokolowski '83 (journalism)

April 25, 2011—Natrona Heights, Pa.

Philip W. Thomas (journalism)

Feb. 28, 2011—Carson City, Nev.

Nancy J. (Richare) Helsel

'85 (management)
March 26, 2011—Sparks, Nev.

Odile Frost Brady '85 (music)

April 8, 2011—Reno, Nev.

Cheryl K. Graves '87M.D.

April 10, 2011—Simi Valley, Calif.

Randall C. Cahill '92

(educational leadership)
April 4, 2011—San Clemente, Calif.

Judy M. (Vaughn) Vickers '93

(psychology)
May 13, 2011—Reno, Nev.

Elaine F. (Bedard) Parker

'94Ph.D. (English)
April 6, 2011—Grand Blanc, Mich.

Sheryl A. Ross '94 (social

work), **'99M.A.** (counseling and educational psychology)
March 29, 2011—Reno, Nev.

Sheila Lewis '96 (human

development & family studies)
May 11, 2011—Springfield, La.

Lacey R. Siebert '08 (nursing)

April 17, 2011—Jackpot, Nev.

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Lois Merritt Mikawa spent 10 years as a student at Nevada, receiving her master's degree in counseling in 1980, an educational specialist certificate in school psychology in 1984, and a doctorate in education in 1987.

Prior to coming to Nevada from Hawaii in 1977, she traveled the country with her then-husband and her son as an Army wife. Her vocation has been in the helping professions, and her avocation has always been vocal music. Since she was a child, she has sung with various musical groups throughout the country, including the Honolulu Opera Company, Nevada Opera, and presently, the Reno Philharmonic Chorus.

In 1987, Lois married Jim Mikawa, who was a clinical psychology professor at Nevada. Upon his death in 1993, she established the Jim Mikawa Graduate Assistantship in Psychology with the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation. Since then, she has also created through her estate plan the James K. and Lois Merritt Mikawa Distinguished Professorship, also with the foundation.

Lois retired from the Washoe County School District in 2000, after 23 years working as a special education teacher, school counselor and school psychologist. During this time, she also taught various classes in the counseling department at the University, and was able to mentor many students seeking to find careers in the counseling field.

In 1995, she was honored as the School Psychologist of the Year by the Nevada Association of School Psychologists. In 2005, she was awarded the Paul McReynolds Foundation Psychological Services Award for her outstanding services to the ethnic minority doctoral students in the University's clinical psychology program.

Today, Lois enjoys everyday life in Reno with her partner, Larry McMullan, and their standard poodle, Soda. She is training Soda for the therapy dog program at Renown Regional Medical Center, where she volunteers her time and talents with the Renown Institute for Cancer. She continues to support the University's clinical psychology program.

What is your fondest memory from your days at Nevada?

When I entered the counseling program at Nevada (now known as CEP) in 1977, I had a



Lois Mikawa at her home in Reno.

bachelor of science degree in elementary and special education, obtained after attending six different colleges as I traveled around the country in nomadic fashion as an Army wife.

One of my fondest memories of the 10 years I spent as a student at the University of Nevada, Reno is of the camaraderie among colleagues and that it was possible to develop and sustain this feeling. We supported one another through thick and thin, through laughter and tears. Most of us went on to work in the community, where we continued to enjoy productive, and in many instances, collaborative relationships. Many of these people have remained my dearest friends to this day.

What have you done that you are the most proud of?

I am most proud of taking control of my life at age 40 and making the decision to strike out on my own, go back to school and follow my dreams. I moved from Hawaii to Reno, luckily found a teaching job with the school district, and enrolled at Nevada to pursue my master's degree in counseling. I worked some nights at La Piñata to help pay my tuition, and went to school on other nights. I loved what I was doing

so much that I continued working days, going to school nights, and finally finishing in 1987 with my doctorate. Everything eventually came together for me, but not without some sacrifice and hard work.

What advice would you give someone just starting out after college?

Don't expect to start at the top. Be patient, figure out what you have to do to get where you want to go, and keep your goals in sight. Don't give up! But also, don't be afraid to switch directions if you feel that you are in the wrong place. Never allow yourself to think that you are "too old" to pursue your dreams.

I remember saying to (former College of Education dean) Dr. Frank Meyers, who was interviewing me for admission into the counseling program: "It'll take me *four years* to become a school psychologist?" He replied, "What will you be doing in four years if you *don't* enter the program?" I have never forgotten that!

Lois Mikawa



Goldcorp supports faculty positions in Mackay School

Recognizing the importance of supporting the research and teaching efforts of Nevada's faculty, the mining industry continues to provide generous funding for faculty positions in the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering.

Goldcorp Inc. recently established the Goldcorp Term Professorship in Mining Engineering with the goal of supporting higher education in academic areas critical to the minerals industry, namely the geological sciences, mining engineering and mineral processing, extractive metallurgy and geographic information systems.

Goldcorp's latest gift adds to a growing list of chairs and professorships at the Mackay School that are supported by the mining industry, including the Goldcorp Endowed Chair, the Newmont Endowed Professorship and the Barrick Gold of North America Visiting Professorship.

The Goldcorp and Newmont endowed positions are among 24 endowed positions at the University, which provide funding in perpetuity. Term professorships, including those from Barrick Gold and Goldcorp, are funded for a specific time.

"Support from our industry partners at these levels is critical to future growth in our

academic mining programs as well as placing us in a position to provide the required human capital to an industry that is vital to the state of Nevada and the U.S. economy," says Jeff Thompson, dean of the College of Science.

Vancouver-based Goldcorp, formerly Glamis, operated gold mining operations within the Battle Mountain area of eastern Nevada and still operates the Marigold Mine, also in Nevada. The company made a gift to endow a faculty position in minerals engineering in 2004. The Mackay School used this contribution as a component of a larger fundraising campaign to create an additional endowed faculty position and inspire further support from the mining industry.

"The University is thankful for support from industry, which has made possible educational opportunities for students interested in mining and metallurgical engineering and careers in the natural resource industry," Thompson says.

The Goldcorp Endowed Chair in Minerals Engineering is held by Carl Nesbitt, the Newmont Endowed Professorship in Minerals Engineering is held by Maurice Fuerstenau, and the Barrick Gold of North America Visiting Professorship is held by Thom Seal, who also holds the John N. Butler Endowed Professor-

Professor Carl Nesbitt '80, '85M.S., '90Ph.D., is the Goldcorp Endowed Chair in Minerals Engineering. He is pictured in the W. M. Keck Earth Science and Mineral Engineering Museum in the Mackay School of Mines.

ship in Extractive Metallurgy.

A Nevada graduate, Nesbitt '80 (chemical engineering), '85M.S. (metallurgical engineering), '90Ph.D. (metallurgical engineering), has been teaching metallurgical engineering courses for more than 21 years—the last four at Nevada—and conducting research for 22 years, resulting in a number of patents.

Seal has spent more than 30 years working in the mining industry, retiring in 2008 as Newmont's manager of metallurgy technology. His research focus is enhanced metal extraction.

Fuerstenau, a professor emeritus of metallurgy, is the only University of Nevada, Reno faculty member to have been elected to the National Academy of Engineering for his contributions to mineral processing, hydrometallurgy and engineering education.

—Staff reports

To learn more about supporting chairs and professorships at the Mackay School, please contact Char Hagemann, development director, at (775) 682-8791 or chagemann@unr.edu.

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